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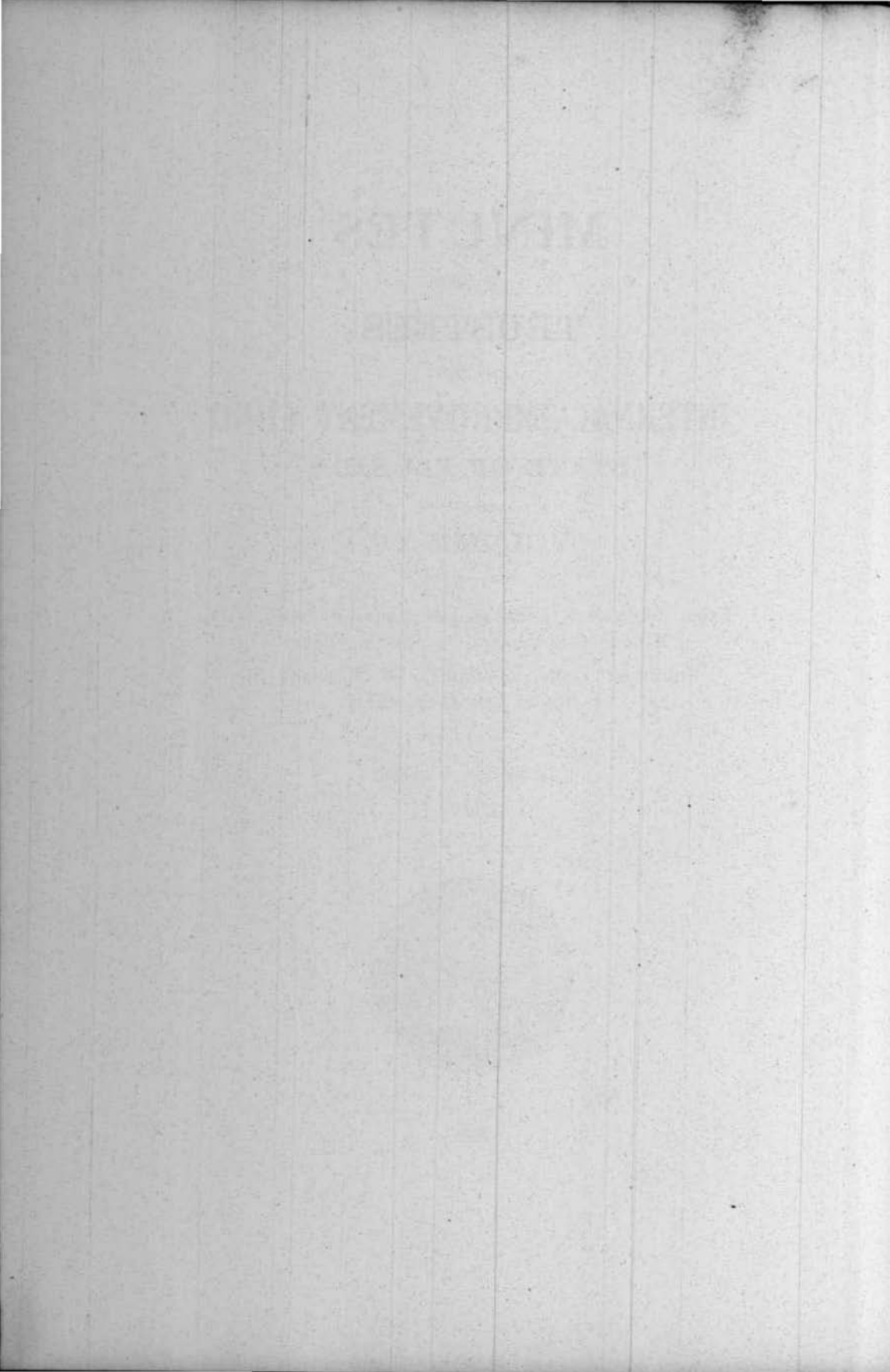
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MINUTES

Tallahassee, Florida, January 6, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

C. M. Johnson, Moore Haven, Fla., Fire Warden. To survey of lake bottom lands near Moore Haven during November, 1922.....	\$150.00
N. S. Wainwright, care C. M. Johnson, Moore Haven, Fla. To salary as Axeman on survey lake bottom lands near Moore Haven during Novem- ber, 1922—4 days at 3.00.....	12.00
Guy Elder, care C. M. Johnson, Moore Haven, Fla. To salary as Chairman account survey lake bot- tom lands near Moore Haven during November, 1922—4 days at 3.00 per day.....	12.00
W. E. Lancaster, care C. M. Johnson, Moore Haven, Fla. To salary as Chairman account survey lake bottom lands near Moore Haven during Novem- ber, 1922—4 days at 3.00.....	12.00
John Sloan, care C. M. Johnson, Moore Haven, Fla. To salary as Flagman account survey lake bot- tom lands near Moore Haven during November, 1922—4 days at 3.00 per day.....	12.00
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To services during December, 1922.....	2.29
W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla. To stamps for Land Department, bill of January 1, 1923	10.00

John W. Williams, Tallahassee, Fla. To auto hire account inspection State lands, bill of January 2, 1923	6.00
Charles Williams Hardware, Tallahassee, Fla. To hardware furnished during December, 1922, to A. R. Richardson's office, Moore Haven.....	657.02
	<hr/> \$873.31

Brown and Company, of Portland, Maine, made application for another extension on their option to purchase a certain island in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, Florida, and after consideration the Trustees agreed to another extension of ninety days from January 17, 1923, that being the date of expiration of their option.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, January 22, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

Upon motion, duly adopted, the Special Counsel was requested to collect notes for balance due by Pennington and Evans Company for timber purchased in Lake Ochee-see and to use such legal proceedings as necessary.

Mr. L. Morgan requested the Trustees to allow Mr. E. L. Morgan to reconvey Lot A in NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, Township 38 South, Range 34 East, containing 113.80 acres and accept same in full payment for balance due on fifth installment of Entries No. 16646 and No. 16683

of E. L. Morgan and himself for lands in said section. Mr. Morgan stated they would not be able to improve or cultivate said lands for several years as they were not sufficiently drained, and further stated that they were not able to pay any more money on same.

After consideration, the Trustees agreed to grant his request and release the mortgages given by them on said lands, upon receipt of a satisfactory deed of reconveyance for said land and Abstract showing that title still remained in said E. L. Morgan and that all taxes had been paid.

The following Resolution was presented and adopted:

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, On July 23, 1920, the Boston-Palm Beach Development Company agreed with the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to purchase the following described lands:

All of Section 19, $W\frac{1}{2}$; $E\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$; $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$; of Section 20; All of Sections 29, 30, 31, and 32; $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$; $S\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$; $S\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$; $N\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$; $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ and $SW\frac{1}{4}$ Section 33, all in Township 41 South, Range 42 East, containing 4,200 acres, more or less; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to such agreement the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund executed their deed to the foregoing described lands to the said Boston-Palm Beach Development Company, and said Boston-Palm Beach Development Company paid to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund the sum of One Thousand Dollars, (\$1,000.00) as evidence of good faith, which \$1,000.00 was to be forfeited to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in the event the agreement as aforesaid was not carried out; and

WHEREAS, The aforementioned deed, while executed by the Trustees, was never delivered to the Boston-Palm Beach Development Company, and no other or further payments have been made thereon, though the said Boston-Palm Beach Development Company has been repeatedly requested to make additional payments; and

WHEREAS, By the terms of the said agreement, the Boston-Palm Beach Development Company has forfeited

the \$1,000.00 as aforesaid and all right to purchase the foregoing described lands, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that the said Deed executed by them to the said Boston-Palm Beach Development Company, to the foregoing described lands, and the agreement affecting the same, be and the same, and each of them, are hereby cancelled and the said \$1,000.00 be paid into the Internal Improvement Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be delivered to the said Boston-Palm Beach Development Company as notice of the action of this Board in the premises.

DONE AND ORDERED, In regular session this 22nd day of January, A. D. 1923.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:
J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:
J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, January 29, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of January 6th and 22nd read and approved.

The matter of settlement with J. B. McDonald and others as Trustees for the Board of County Commissioners

of Palm Beach County, as per agreement on Page 236, Volume 12, Minutes of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, was brought to the attention of the Trustees by Hon. J. C. Luning. After consideration, the Secretary was instructed to advise the County Commissioners that there remained on hand 1521.86 acres of lands unsold and that the amount of \$24,336.30, balance due by the Roads and Improvement Society, was unpaid, and until these matters were adjusted no final settlement could be made by the Trustees.

Special Counsel presented Agreement No. 170941 $\frac{1}{2}$ dated December 2, 1922, for the sale of lands in Broward County, proceeds of which to be used for improvement of North New River Canal, and same was executed on the part of the Trustees and ordered forwarded to the Fort Lauderdale State Bank for delivery to the Everglades Company, purchasers of said lands.

The Trustees ordered that the following lands in Dade County, to-wit:

Fractional SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21; Fractional NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28; All Fractional Section 29 and All Section 30 in Township 54 South, Range 42 East, Containing 332.50 acres, more or less,

be advertised for sale, once a week for five consecutive weeks in the Miami Herald, a newspaper published in Dade County, as required by law. Sale to be held March 9, 1923, at 11 o'clock A. M., at the Capitol in the City of Tallahassee.

Upon motion, the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, February 16, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The matter of the sale of lots in Sections 13, 23 and 24, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, was discussed and it was agreed that all Lots in Section 13 up to and fronting on the road nearest the Lake, as shown on Plat of Survey of N. K. Williams, should be sold at \$500.00 per lot, and lands back of said lots be sold at \$300.00 per acre. The Trustees declined to sell the lands between the road and the Lake and Mr. Elliot was requestd to have the plat of Section 23 revised as directed by them, and also to have a similar survey made of the State lands in Section 24, lying within one-fourth mile of the Lake, showing the names of all settlers on same.

The following bills were approved and Treasurer requested to issue checks to cover:

Glenn Terrell, Tallahassee, Fla. To expense account on trip to Arcadia in Clewiston Development Co. case January 23, 1923.....	\$ 59.25
Samuel Herrick, Westory Building, Washington, D. C. To Fee in State vs. John G. White.....	75.00
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To services during January, 1923.....	2.83
Ben Sheppard, Clerk Circuit Court, Miami, Fla. To Recording two Deeds January 13th and February 1, 1923.....	3.20
H. & W. B. Drew Company, Jacksonville, Fla. To Loose Leaves for Note Books.....	3.84
National Surety Company, New York, N. Y. To Premium on Bond for year 1923.....	12.50
J. A. Johnson, care C. M. Johnson, Moore Haven, Fla. To services as post-setter account lake bottom lands during December, 1922—2 days at \$3.00	6.00

Walter Ivey, care C. M. Johnson, Moore Haven, Fla. To services as post-setter account survey lake botom lands during December, 1922—2½ days \$3.00.....	7.50
C. W. Ivey, care C. M. Johnson, Moore Haven, Fla. To services as Chainman account survey lake botom lands during December, 1922—4 days at \$3.00	12.00
James Willingham, care C. M. Johnson, Moore Haven, Fla. To services as post-setter account survey lake bottom lands during December, 1922—6 days at \$3.00.....	18.00
R. W. Bailey, care C. M. Johnson, Moore Haven, Fla. To services as Chainman account survey lake bottom lands during December 1922—10½ days at \$3.00.....	31.50
N. S. Wainwright, care C. M. Johnson, Moore Haven, Fla. To services as Rodman account survey lake bottom lands during December, 1922—17 days at \$3.00.....	51.00
Preston Wyse, care C. M. Johnson, Moore Haven, Fla. To services as Chainman during December, 1922—6 days at \$3.00 per day account lake botom lands.....	18.00
W. E. Lancaster, care C. F. Johnson, Moore Haven, Fla. To services as Chainman account lake botom survey during December, 1922—11½ days at \$3.00.....	34.50
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	\$335.12

The Secretary stated that he had a number of applications from former owners to purchase lands, title to which had vested in the Trustees under Section 1175 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida; said lands being located in Broward, Dade, Glades and Palm Beach Counties. It was ordered that said lands be advertised for sale March 27, 1923, as required by law.

Financial Statement for the month of January, 1923, was read, approved and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JANUARY, 1923.

Balance on hand January 1, 1923..	\$38,819.23	
From land sales (\$6,841.37) less		
25 per cent to State School Fund		
(\$1,710.33)	5,131.04	
Interest on deposits for quarter end-		
ing December 31, 1922.....	896.42	
Interest due December 31, 1922, on		
Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage Dis-		
trict 6 per cent Bonds.....	450.00	
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	\$45,296.69	
Less Disbursements	873.31	
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Balance February 1, 1923.....		\$44,423.38

RECAPITULATION.

Cash and cash items.....	\$ 1,000.00	
Cash in bank.....	43,423.38	
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		\$44,423.38

BALANCES IN BANK FEBRUARY 1, 1923.

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville,		
Fla.	\$ 409.64	
Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville,		
Fla.	13,619.94	
Florida National Bank, Jacksonville,		
Fla.	1,484.47	
First National Bank, Miami, Fla...	1,484.64	
First National Bank, West Palm		
Beach, Fla.	19,673.60	
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	3,356.85	
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla...	805.84	
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	2,588.40	
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		\$43,423.38

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date	Check	In Favor of	Amount.
1923.	No.		
Jan. 8	4847	C. M. Johnson.....	\$ 150.00
Jan. 8	4848	N. S. Wainwright....	12.00
Jan. 8	4849	Guy Elder	12.00
Jan. 8	4850	W. E. Lancaster.....	12.00
Jan. 8	4851	John Sloan	12.00
Jan. 8	4852	Western Union Tele- graph Co.	2.29
Jan. 8	4853	W. H. May, Postmaster	10.00
Jan. 8	4854	John W. Williams....	6.00
Jan. 8	4855	Chas. Williams (Hdw.)	657.02
			<hr/> \$ 873.31

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, February 20, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. E. E. Goodno, of Fort Thompson, Florida, appeared before the Trustees in regard to purchasing the following lands, formerly covered by the waters of Lake Flirt, which passed to the State under its sovereign right, to-wit:

“The fractional part of Section 25 within the meanders and shores of Lake Flirt, excepting 7.65 acres; and the fractional part of Sections 26, 35

and 36, within the meanders and shores of Lake Flirt, all in Township 42 South, Range 29 East; containing in all 875.40 acres, more or less, in Glades County, Florida.'

Upon the offer of \$15.00 per acre cash by Mr. Goodno, who deposited his check, payable to J. C. Luning, Treasurer, for \$100.00 as a forfeit in the event he did not bid said amount at the date of sale as advertised, it was ordered that the Secretary on the 31st day of March, A. D. 1923, at 11 o'clock A. M., advertise said lands for sale as required by law, to the highest bidder, in accordance with Chapters 7861 and 7891, Acts of 1919, Laws of Florida. Upon motion, the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, February 22, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

On January 31, 1923, the Trustees agreed to release Mortgage No. 16880 given by M. R. Quinnerly for the north half of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 35 East, and return his three notes of \$4,000.00 each, and Mortgage No. 16881 for the south half of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 35 East, given by R. C. and L. C. Gardner, and return their three notes, as said parties were unable to complete their payments on account of losses in improving these lands; provided said parties would furnish satisfactory abstract and send receipt showing they had paid all taxes for the years 1921 and 1922, with a deed from M. R. Quinnerly to said Trustees for the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{4}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section, and

deed from R. C. and L. C. Gardner to them for the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of said Section, all payments amounting to \$8,000.00 with interest for one year., which said parties have made, to be applied as payment in full for the 140 acres in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and E $\frac{3}{4}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 35 East, which is not to be re-conveyed by said Quinnerly.

Said parties having complied with said agreement, and the abstract and deeds having been examined and approved by Hon. Glenn Terrell, Attorney for the Trustees, the Commissioner of Agriculture has returned said notes and releases as ordered by said Trustees.

Upon motion, the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, February 28, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were approved and checks ordered issued:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Clerk Land Department during February, 1923.....	\$250.00
Glenn Terrell, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Counsel during February, 1923.....	116.66
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Secretary during February, 1923.....	66.66
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Clerk to Secretary during February, 1923.....	50.00
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Stenographer during February, 1923.....	40.33

F. B. Tippens, Sheriff Lee County, Ft. Myers, Fla. Services in Clewiston Development case, bill of February 21, 1923.....	29.50
C. F. Saunders, Clerk Circuit Court, Sebring, Fla. To recording fee in Alvin T. Leonard to Trustees	1.30
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	\$554.45

Upon motion, the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 1, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met
on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The matter of selecting papers in which to publish the
Delinquent Drainage Tax List for 1923 was brought to
the attention of the Trustees and the following papers
selected:

BROWARD, The Herald, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
DADE, Miami Herald, Miami, Fla.
GLADES, The Democrat, Moore Haven, Fla.
HIGHLANDS, The White-Way, Sebring, Fla.
LEE, The Press, Ft. Myers, Fla.
MONROE, The Citizen, Key West, Fla.
OKEECHOBEE, The News, Okeechobee, Fla.
PALM BEACH, The Palm Beach Post, West Palm
Beach, Fla.
SAINT LUCIE, News-Tribune, Fort Pierce, Fla.

The Secretary was requested to notify the Editors of the foregoing papers and send copy of such notification to the Tax Collectors and Clerks of the Circuit Court.

Financial Statement for the month of February, 1923, was presented to the Trustees and same was ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1923.

Balance on hand February 1, 1923..	\$44,423.38
From J. F. Barton, account Palm Beach Road	30.96
From land sales (\$18,227.50) less 25 per cent to State School Fund (\$4,556.87)	13,670.63
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	\$58,124.97
Less Disbursements (itemized below)	858.77
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Balance March 1, 1923.....	\$57,266.20

RECAPITULATION.

Cash and cash items.....	\$ 1,000.00
Balance in banks.....	56,266.20
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	\$57,266.20

BALANCES IN BANK MARCH 1, 1923.

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$ 409.64
Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	26,986.41
Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	1,484.47
First National Bank, Miami, Fla...	1,484.64
First National Bank, West Palm Beach, Fla.	19,673.60
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	3,356.85
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla...	805.84
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla...	2,064.75
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	\$56,266.20

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date	Check	In Favor of	Amount.
1923.	No.		
Feb. 1—	4856—	C. B. Gwynn.....	\$250.00
Feb. 1—	4857—	Glenn Terrell	116.66
Feb. 1—	4858—	J. Stuart Lewis.....	66.66
Feb. 1—	4859—	R. W. Ervin.....	50.00
Feb. 1—	4860—	Jentye Dedge	40.33
Feb. 17—	4861—	Glenn Terrell	59.25
Feb. 17—	4862—	Samuel Herrick	75.00
Feb. 17—	4863—	Western Union Tele- graph Co.	2.83
Feb. 17—	4864—	Ben Sheppard, Clerk Circuit Court	3.20
Feb. 17—	4865—	H. & W. B. Drew Co.	3.84
Feb. 17—	4866—	National Surety Co. of N. Y.	12.50
Feb. 17—	4867—	J. H. Johnson.....	6.00
Feb. 17—	4868—	Walter Ivey	7.50
Feb. 17—	4869—	C. W. Ivey	12.00
Feb. 17—	4870—	James Willingham ..	18.00
Feb. 17—	4871—	R. W. Bailey	31.50
Feb. 17—	4872—	N. S. Wainwright....	51.00
Feb. 17—	4873—	Preston Wyse	18.00
Feb. 17—	4874—	W. E. Lancaster.....	34.50
			<hr/> \$858.77

The Trustees having received an offer for Fritz Island, located in Sections 30 and 31 of Township 32 South, Range 40 East, containing 50 acres, and not being advised as to value of same, it was upon motion duly adopted, decided that the Chief Drainage Engineer visit the island and report on its location and value.

Mr. Sutton of Pierce and Sutton, Attorneys of Washington, D. C., appeared before the Trustees, making a proposition to enter into a contract to act as Agent of the State in securing patents and perfecting title to swamp lands. It was agreed that Mr. Sutton and Mr. Terrell, Counsel for

the Trustees, draw an agreement and submit same to the Trustees for consideration.

Upon motion, the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 9, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees met to consider the sale of the following lands:

Fractional SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21; fractional NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28; all fractional Section 29, and all Section 30, in Township 54 South, Range 42 East.

lying and being in the County of Dade, containing an estimated area of 332.50 acres, more or less. The same having been advertised thirty days as required by law in the Miami Herald, a newspaper published in the county in which said lands lie, and affidavit of such publication having been filed with the Secretary of said Trustees, and the sale being open to competitive bids, bids were offered which started at \$10.00 per acre and up to \$230.00 per acre, when the bidding closed, and amount bid not being satisfactory same was not accepted. Whereupon the Trustees proposed to sell the land to the Biscayne Company, represented by Mr. F. M. Hudson, one of the bidders for \$120,000.00 cash, which proposition was accepted, and the Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to issue deed to said Biscayne Company upon payment of said amount.

Mr. Sutton, representing Pierce & Sutton, of Washington, D. C., who appeared before the Trustees on the 1st instant asked for the further consideration of their proposition, and the following agreement was entered into on this the 9th day of March, A. D. 1923:

AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, By Chapter 610 of the Acts of 1855, Laws of Florida, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund had vested in them, for purposes of internal improvement, all lands that had been prior to that time, or subsequent thereto, patented to the State of Florida under the provisions of the Swamp Land Grant Act of Congress of September 28, 1850; and

WHEREAS, Under the provisions of the said Swamp Land Grant Act of September 28, 1850, large areas of swamp and overflowed lands have already been patented to the State of Florida, but there are areas of such lands covered by the said Act that have not been patented to, or title perfected in, the State; and

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida, and Charles R. Pierce and John M. Sutton, attorneys-at-law of Washington, D. C., have entered into an agreement whereby the said Charles R. Pierce and John M. Sutton have agreed to attempt to secure patents and perfect the title of the State of Florida in and to such lands as are covered by the provisions of the said Swamp Land Grant Act, and which have not at this date been patented to the State of Florida; Now, Therefore,

THIS AGREEMENT MADE This 9th day of March, A. D. 1923, between Cary A. Hardee, Governor, Ernest Amos, Comptroller, J. C. Luning, State Treasurer, Rivers Buford, Attorney General, and W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture, of and composing the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida, for themselves as such officials, and their successors in office, hereinafter referred to as the "Trustees," and Charles R. Pierce and John M. Sutton, Attorney-at-Law, both of Washington, D. C., hereinafter referred to as "Pierce and Sutton;"

WITNESSETH:

That in pursuance of the offer on the part of the Trustees and the acceptance thereof on the part of Pierce and Sutton, and in consideration of certain mutual under-

standings and obligations specified herein, the Trustees and Pierce and Sutton do covenant and agree as follows:

1st. Pierce and Sutton are hereby retained to attempt to secure patents from the United States for, or perfect title of the State of Florida in and to, all such lands, both surveyed and unsurveyed, better known as Swamp and Overflowed Lands, that are covered by the Swamp Land Grant Act of September 28, 1850, and any Act amendatory thereof, and to which patent has not heretofore been executed by the United States to the State of Florida, and should it be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to any such lands, as are referred to herein, by Act of Congress or decree of a Court of competent jurisdiction, the said Pierce and Sutton are hereby authorized and empowered to so proceed.

2nd. As compensation for such services the Trustees will pay to Pierce and Sutton 20% of the price for which the said lands, to which patents are secured or title perfected, shall be sold at the time of sale or as fast as funds sufficient to pay such compensation shall be received out of such sales.

3rd. To such lands as the State of Florida, or proper State officials, have already filed with the Department of the Interior applications for patent and sufficient proof to warrant the execution thereof, so that it will be necessary for Pierce and Sutton to merely prosecute such applications before the Land Department of the United States, without additional proof, the Trustees will pay to Pierce and Sutton for securing such patents, 10% of the price for which the said lands, to which patents are secured or title perfected, shall be sold, at the time of sale or as fast as funds sufficient to pay such compensation shall be received out of such sales.

4th. It is agreed by both parties hereto that the Trustees may sell and dispose of any and all lands patented or to which title is perfected hereunder, in the same manner that the Internal Improvement Fund lands are sold, except that Pierce and Sutton are hereby given and are to have a first option to purchase such lands at a price and on terms which shall be the equal of, and as favorable as, that offered by any other proposed bona fide purchaser, which option may and shall be exercised by Pierce and Sutton within ten days from notification to Pierce and Sutton of such offer and proposed sale, by Pierce and

Sutton notifying the Trustees that Pierce and Sutton, or their representatives or assigns, will purchase such land, and by thereafter complying with the terms and conditions of the sale thereof, it being agreed by the Trustees that they will send the said notification by telegraph to Pierce and Sutton and in such notification include legal description of land to be sold and price and terms offered for same.

5th. The Trustees agree to co-operate with Pierce and Sutton in the matter of securing patents and perfecting titles under this contract, by furnishing without cost correct copies of all lists of lands heretofore applied for by the State of Florida, under the Swamp Land Grant Act, together with descriptions and proofs in support of such applications, copies of Minutes of the Trustees, maps and plats affecting the public lands of this State, which the said Pierce and Sutton may find necessary in connection with attempting to secure patent or perfect title of the State of Florida in and to such lands as have not heretofore patented to the State, as provided by the Swamp Land Grant Act and which it may be possible to secure patents for, or to perfect title to, under the terms of this agreement; and also by sending a competent inspector to accompany any person whom the United States Government may send to examine any of the lands which have been, or may be, selected hereunder, in order to also examine such lands, report thereon and check the United States Government's examination, and protect the interests of the State of Florida; and whenever lists of lands, or documents required to be executed by any State official, shall be needed for the performance of this agreement, to have the same executed by the proper official.

6th. The Trustees agree that Pierce and Sutton may, at any time during office hours, for the purpose of carrying out their part of the provisions of this contract, examine and make copies of any and all documents, reports and records affecting the public lands in this State and should it become necessary to take testimony before a Commissioner, appointed by the Department of the Interior, to determine the character of and right to any lands to which it is sought to perfect title or secure patent under the provisions of this agreement, and such testimony as has to be taken in the State of Florida, the resident Counsel for the Trustees shall take the same.

7th. The Trustees hereby agree to notify the Secretary of the Interior of the United States of the employment of Pierce and Sutton in the capacity as herein outlined, and to furnish the said Secretary, or other proper official of the United States Land Department, and also any Court or other tribunal, whenever necessary, suitable credentials attesting their employment and authority to appear before them on behalf of the Trustees.

8th. This agreement has no application to School lands, Sovereignty lands, or to Lots 1 and 2 of Section 19, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, or to any lands in Township 39 South, Ranges 33 and 34 East, T. M., nor shall it be construed to require Pierce and Sutton to relinquish their employment by any client which they have entered into, or lands which they have applied for, prior to the date hereof.

9th. This agreement has no application to sovereignty lands proper, but applies strictly to swamp and overflowed lands, except should there be instances in which it is necessary to determine which of the above classes any lands in this State come under, the terms of this contract, including the compensation hereinafter provided, shall be applicable thereto.

10th. In the event any Bill or Bills are introduced in Congress, or any suits brought by Pierce and Sutton for the purpose of this contract, Pierce and Sutton shall furnish the Trustees copies of all such proposed Bills and copies of all pleadings in such suits.

11th. The employment under the terms of this contract shall be exclusive so long as Pierce and Sutton, or either of them shall diligently prosecute and carry out their part hereof, but when in the judgment of the Trustees, after sixty days written notification to Pierce and Sutton, with opportunity to be heard, that they are not diligently executing the same, the Trustees may at their option enter into contract with any other party, or parties, for a like or similar purpose as herein expressed, or may discontinue this contract.

12th. In the event of the death of either Pierce or Sutton, the survivor of them shall be entitled to continue under this agreement, and in the event of the death of both of them, this agreement shall abate, except that the personal representatives of either or both of them shall

be entitled to collect any and all unpaid compensation for titles perfected or secured hereunder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida have hereunto set their hands and caused the seal of the Department of Agriculture of the State of Florida to be hereto affixed, duly attested, and Pierce and Sutton have signed and affixed their names to this and another instrument of the same tenor and effect, this 9th day of March, A. D. 1923.

CARY. A. HARDEE,
Governor.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller.

J. C. LUNING,
Treasurer.

(SEAL) RIVERS BUFORD,
Attorney General.

W. A. McRAE,
Commissioner of Agriculture.

Of and composing the Trustees
of the Internal Improvement
Fund of Florida.

CHARLES R. PIERCE.
JOHN M. SUTTON.

Upon motion, the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 12, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

Mr. C. C. Chillingworth, of West Palm Beach, representing the Lake Worth Inlet District, appeared before the Trustees and requested the further consideration of the sale of Inlet Island, which was advertised for sale December 4, 1922; said sale having been continued on that date as the purchaser desired additional submerged land adjoining said island.

After investigation and discussion the Trustees agreed to sell to said Lake Worth Inlet District said island, containing 47.34 acres, more or less, at a price of \$100.00 per acre; provided, that said land to be conveyed, to be used exclusively for public purposes, and if such provision is not complied with, title to said lands to revert to the State, and the Special Counsel was instructed to draw such deed of conveyance for execution by said Trustees.

It was brought to the attention of the Board that the work connected with tax matters of Everglades Drainage District had greatly increased in volume during the past year, and that there was insufficient office force at present to handle the same.

R. W. Ervin, who had been assisting in this character of work was designated as Tax Clerk at a salary of \$150.00 per month, to be paid by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, to carry out such work with reference to taxes or any other character of work which the Board might direct.

Upon motion, the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 17, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Messrs. W. J. Conners, M. D. Carmichael and others appeared before the Trustees. Mr. Conners stated that he wanted to construct a hard surfaced toll road from the bend of the West Palm Beach Canal to Okeechobee City, and as that section of the Everglades needed such a road, both Palm Beach and Okeechobee Counties were in favor of said road, and he wanted the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District to grant a Right-of-Way along the West Palm Beach Canal, 66 feet in width. It was agreed by the Trustees and Board that they would grant an easement for said Right-of-Way from the bend in the West Palm Beach Canal along the south bank of said canal to Lake Okeechobee and thence northward around the East Shore of the Lake to Okeechobee City, through lands owned by the Trustees. Mr. Conners to pay 50 per cent of the cost of excavation in West Palm Beach Canal from which he will obtain rock for building said road, the excavation to follow plans of the Board, under supervision of the Chief Drainage Engineer, for construction of said canal. Final arrangements to be covered by an agreement between said Board and Mr. Conners.

Upon motion, the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 27, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees having under date of February 16, 1923, ordered the advertisement of certain lands in Broward, Dade, Glades and Palm Beach Counties, title which had vested in the Trustees under Section 1175 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, for sale on this date, and same having been advertised once a week for five consecutive weeks in the Ft. Lauderdale Sentinel, Miami Herald, Moore Haven Times and Palm Beach Post, newspapers published in the counties in which the lands lie, and affidavit of publication having been filed with the Secretary as required by law, the following bids were accepted for the following tracts and deeds were ordered issued to cover:

BROWARD COUNTY.

Description.	Sec.	Tp.	Rg.	Acs.	To Whom Sold
NW $\frac{1}{4}$	12	51	41	160	C. M. Cravatt.
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Tract 29..	34	50	41	5	Frank Senrick.
Tract 26	4	51	41	10	Addie Williams.
S. 17.27 A. or Tr.					
8 Blk. 2.....	15	50	41	17.27	J. P. Simmons.
Tract 115.....	27	50	38	5	Mrs. Mary W. Farwell.
Trs. 2 and 3, Blk. 1	3	50	41	20	William E. Dal-luege.
Tract 15, Blk. 1..	4	50	41	10	Otto F. Hoeppner.
Tract 26.....	28	50	41	14.50	Louise C. Chaplin
Tracts 54 and 60.	27	50	41	20	Louise C. Chaplin.
All Sec. 9, 10, 11 and all 12 W. of Canal		50	37	1980	David Sholtz.
Tract 56	17	50	40	10	H. E. Rhodes.
Tract 25	27	49	40	10	Dr. Mary J. Helm.
Tract 44	19	51	40	10	Dr. Mary J. Helm.
Tract 12	9	48	41	20	Mattie E. Woodward.
Tract 24	3	49	40	20	D. C. Goodrich.
S $\frac{1}{2}$ Tract 13	16	51	41	5	H. L. Snyder.
Tract 12, Blk. 3..	3	50	41	10	Broward Gro. Co.
Trs. 50, 55, 57 and 60	11	50	41	40	M. M. Simidian.

GLADES.

Description.	Sec.	Tp.	Rg.	Acs.	To Whom Sold
Tract 27	34	39	31	20	R. A. Kittlesby.
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	24	41	31	10	George A. Crooke.
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$...	8	42	31	40	Sol. E. Campbell.
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of N $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	21	42	31	15	H. S. Roe.
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	11	39	31	20	Lake Port Colony Co.
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$.	20	40	32	10	Lake Port Colony Co.
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	21	40	32	20	Lake Port Colony Co.
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	15	42	32	20	F. F. Campbell.
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	16	42	31	10	Malcolm M. Wick- ware.
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	7	42	31	10	Wayne L. Tobias.
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	9	40	32	40	Emil DeMayer.
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$...	21	40	32	40	Emil DeMayer.
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	26	42	33	80	R. L. Peters.
Tract 7	34	39	31	20	Dyal B. Hulse.
S. 15 A. of the E. 30 A. of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	10	42	31	15	H. W. Tweed.

PALM BEACH COUNTY.

Description.	Sec.	Tp.	Rg.	Acs.	To Whom Sold
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	13	42	37	10	Florence M. Wad- dell.
E $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	11	44	37	10	R. R. McNown.

Description.	Sec.	Tp.	Rg.	Acs.	To Whom Sold
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	30	43	40	10	Lula S. McCracken.
W $\frac{3}{4}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Less Canal R.W.	34	43	41	13	Lula S. McCracken.
Tract 40, Blk. 43 P. B. F. Co. Plat 3				5	Philip Blank.
Tract 48, Blk. 53, P. B. F. Co. Plat 3				5	Frank Chute.
Tract 13, Blk. 55, P. B. F. Co. Plat 3				6	A. D. Birchard.
Tract 29, Blk. 82, P. B. F. Co. Plat 3				5	Richard T. Mace.
Tract 26, Blk. 15, P. B. F. Co. Plat 3				10	Miss Ida Kalterman
Lot 8, Blk. 27, Townsite of Okeelanta					Lee A. Beymer.
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	29	46	35	10	Lee A. Beymer.
Lot 8, Blk. 234, Townsite of Okeelanta					W. K. Howell.

DADE COUNTY.

Tract 23, Subdiv. S $\frac{1}{2}$ of N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	30	54	39	10	H. C. Bowman.
Tract 42	16	54	40	40	W. H. Krames.
Tract 82, Subdiv.	32	51	41	10	Conrad L. Leedolf.
Tract 44	29	54	40	5	Est. Geo. T. Cleveland.
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	32	51	41	10	Agnes Macbeth.
	18	56	40	10	D. G. McLean.

Description.	Sec.	Tp.	Rg.	Ac.	To Whom Sold
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	17	54	40	10	Richardson-Jellet Land Company
Trs. 1, 2, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 16, Blk. 4, Subd.	5	54	40	90	City Holding Co.

Upon motion, the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 31, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met
on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of January 29th, February 16th, 20th, 22nd,
28th, March 1st, 9th, 12th and 17th, read and approved.

The Trustees having advertised the following lands:

Fractional part of Section 25, within the mean-
der and shores of Lake Flirt, excepting 7.65 acres,
and the fractional parts of Section 26, 35, and 36,
within the meanders and shores of Lake Flirt, all
in Township 42 South, Range 29 East, containing
875.40 acres, more or less;

for sale on this date, in the Moore Haven Times, a news-
paper published in the county in which said lands lie,
as required by law, met to consider bids.

The bid of E. E. Goodno of \$15.00 per acre cash was,
upon motion, duly seconded and adopted, accepted and

the Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to issue deed for same and deliver to Mr. Goodno upon payment of amount bid.

Mr. John C. Sherman, representing the Brown Company, of Portland, Maine, appeared before the Trustees and applied to purchase 60,000 acres of land in the Everglades and offered \$7.50 per acre for same. After discussion it was agreed to advertise the lands and accept \$15.00 per acre for same, and if Brown Company were the successful bidders, they would allow six years in which to make the payments. Deed to be issued to Brown Company and they to give the Trustees a mortgage deed and to agree to make certain improvements on said land, the same to be agreed upon, upon the making of contract of sale.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

R. B. McLean, Tax Collector, Dade County, Miami, Fla. To Everglades Drainage District taxes	\$26,464.05
C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Clerk Land Department during March, 1923	250.00
Glenn Terrell, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Counsel during March, 1923.....	116.66
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Secretary during March, 1923.....	66.66
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Tax Clerk during March, 1923.....	50.00
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Stenographer during March, 1923.....	40.33
Ft. Lauderdale Sentinel, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. To advertising lands for sale March 27, 1923 (Tax Titles)	9.92
Miami Herald Publishing Company, Miami, Fla. To advertisement of lands for sale March 27, 1923 (Tax Titles).....	9.00
Glenn Terrell, Tallahassee, Fla., Counsel. To expenses trip to Punta Gorda account Clewiston Development case, March 18, 1923	54.80
Trip to Monticello, Hampton & Galton cases	10.00
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	64.80

R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Tax Clerk for March, 1923 (Comp. Warrant No. 13569 cancelled)	100.00
	<hr/> \$27.171.42

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 13, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met
on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. C. D. Abbott, of West Palm Beach, appeared before the Trustees and made application to purchase for his client certain lands in Saint Lucie County and offered \$40.00 per acre for same. After due consideration the Trustees decided to advertise said lands for sale, and the following advertisement was ordered published in the News-Tribune, a newspaper published in the county in which said lands lie, also in the Palm Beach Post, a newspaper published at West Palm Beach:

“NOTICE.”

Tallahassee, Florida, April 13, 1923.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 11 o'clock A. M., on Wednesday, May 23, 1923, at Tallahassee, Florida, for the purpose of con-

sidering the sale of all that real estate situated in Saint Lucie County, Florida, described as follows, to-wit:

Lots 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9, Section 18.

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, Section 19.

Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Section 30.

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Section 32.

All in Township 35 South, Range 41 East;
containing 968.32 acres, more or less.

Bids for the above land will be received at Tallahassee until 11 o'clock A. M., May 23, A. D. 1923.

Certified check for \$1,000.00 must accompany all bids.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

All bids should be addressed to the Secretary of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and marked "Bids for State Lands."

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.

Attest: J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Upon motion, the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 19, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

W. A. McRea, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Moore Haven Times, Moore Haven, Fla. To advertisement land sale March 27th, Glades County \$ 21.00

A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. To reimbursement expenses on trip of Survey Sturm Islands in Lake Kissimmee, April 7th to 13th, 1923.....	52.93
John W. Williams, Tallahassee, Fla. To reimbursement expenses of trip to Bay County, inspection of lands	34.10
Glades County Democrat, Moore Haven, Fla. To 1 year's subscription Tax Clerk.....	1.50
Ft. Lauderdale Sentinel, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. To 1 year's subscription Tax Clerk.....	2.00
Miami Herald, Miami, Fla. To 1 year's subscription to paper account Tax Clerk.....	9.00
Moore Haven Times, Moore Haven, Fla. To 1 year's subscription paper, Tax Clerk.....	2.00
Miami Metropolis, Miami, Fla. To 1 year's subscription to paper, Tax Clerk.....	7.80
Herald Company, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. To 1 year's subscription to paper, Tax Clerk.....	2.00
H. & W. B. Drew Company, Jacksonville, Fla. To stamps, dater and ink pad, Tax Clerk.....	5.65
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	\$137.98

Financial Statement for the month of March, 1923, was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MARCH, 1923.

Balance on hand March 1, 1923.....	\$57,266.20
Interest on note No. 3 of J. Barton acct. purchase of Palm Beach county land	20.64
From land sales (\$16,733.23) less 25% State School Fund (\$4,183.31)	12,549.92
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	\$69,836.76
Less Disbursements	27,083.09
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Balance April 1, 1923.....	\$42,753.67

RECAPITULATION.

Cash and cash items	\$ 1,000.00
Balance in banks.....	<u>41,753.67</u>

\$42,753.67

BALANCES IN BANKS APRIL 1, 1923.

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$ 409.64
Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	9,622.47
Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	4,934.28
First National Bank, Miami, Fla....	1,484.64
First National Bank, West Beach Palm Beach, Fla.	19,694.24
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	3,356.85
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla....	805.84
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	<u>1,445.71</u>

\$41,753.67

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date 1923.	Check No.	In Favor of	Amount.
Mar. 1—	4875—	C. B. Gwynn.....	\$ 250.00
Mar. 1—	4876—	Glenn Terrell.....	116.66
Mar. 1—	4877—	J. Stuart Lewis....	66.66
Mar. 1—	4878—	R. W. Ervin.....	50.00
Mar. 1—	4879—	Jentye Dedge	40.33
Mar. 1—	4880—	F. B. Tippens, Sher- iff Lee Co.	29.50
Mar. 1—	4881—	C. F. Saunders, Clk. Ct. Ct.	1.30
Mar. 23—	4882—	Western Union Tele- graph Co.	6.61
Mar. 23—	4883—	Geo. E. Eubanks...	30.00
Mar. 23—	4884—	Fred E. Fenno, Clk. Ct. Ct.	6.00
Mar. 23—	4885—	W. H. May, Post- master	21.98
Mar. 28—	4886—	R. B. McLendon, Tax Collector	<u>26,464.05</u>

\$27,083.09

A letter from Mr. John C. Sherman, representing Brown & Company, of Portland, Maine, was presented to the Trustees requesting an extension of sixty days time for withdrawal from sale of an island in Biscayne Bay, in view of the fact that they were still negotiating with the War Department relative to improvements proposed by the above company. The Trustees agreed to grant the sixty days' extension dating from April 17th, 1923.

Upon motion, the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 24, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Messrs. Connors, Carmichael and Faulk met with the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund with reference to the proposed Connors Highway. The Trustees had previously taken action on the proposition as set forth by Minute of March 17, 1923. Agreement covering grant of right-of-way to Mr. Connors, along West Palm Beach Canal and east shore of Lake Okeechobee on which to construct the said road was presented, and after discussing the same the Trustees authorized its execution. This agreement was considered at the same time and in conjunction with another agreement of same date with the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, through which Mr. Connors was granted the right to obtain rock from the West Palm Beach Canal by paying one-half the cost of excavating said rock and sand construction and the improvement of the West Palm

Beach Canal being carried out jointly by Mr. Conners and the Trustees.

Upon motion, the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 28, 1923.

A joint meeting of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District was held on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. T. J. Campbell, Senator of the 13th District, Mr. Carmichael, Representative from Palm Beach County, Mr. Weilding, Representative from Broward County, and Mr. Young, representing St. Lucie County, met with the joint Boards.

The matter considered related to the extension of the boundary of the Everglades Drainage District to include all of the East Coast territory from the present Northeast corner of the District Eastward to a point near and North of Stuart; thence Southward along the coast to a point South of Miami to join with the present boundary of Everglades Drainage District where the same intersects the coast line near Cocoanut Grove. The inclusion of the coast territory in Everglades Drainage District would contemplate extending the present One Mill Ad Valorem Tax, now assessed against all property in Everglades Drainage District, so that the same would cover all of the new territory. The acreage assessment of Everglades Drainage District taxes was not to apply against the new territory so included. The Trustees and the Drainage

Board stated their reasons for the extension of the boundaries of the Everglades Drainage District and the assessment of the Ad Valorem Tax of One Mill on same.

After a discussion of the subject it was decided that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District would prepare a statement setting forth the reasons for extending the boundary of the Everglades Drainage District as above described and of assessing upon the same an Ad Valorem Tax of One Mill; that a bill would be drafted covering the said extension of boundary and the assessment of the said tax, and that a resolution should be prepared and adopted in the premises; that on the foregoing, and upon the recommendation and support of the Drainage Board and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, the several members of the Legislature from the affected territory would present the same to the public and ascertain the views of the several localities with reference to inclusion of the areas and the application of the tax as above described, and if the same should be favorably received and recommended, the Bill, in a final form to be agreed upon, would be presented for passage at this session of the Legislature.

Pursuant to Minute of the 24th, the following agreement was entered into with Mr. W. J. Conners, of Palm Beach County, Florida:

AGREEMENT.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT Made and entered into this 25th day of April, A. D. 1923, by and between Cary A. Hardee, Governor; Ernest Amos, Comptroller; J. C. Luning, State Treasurer; Rivers Buford, Attorney General, and W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture, of and composing the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, as such officials, their successors and successors in office, as parties of the first part, hereinafter referred to as the "TRUSTEES," and W. J. Conners, of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, for himself and his successors and assigns, as the party of the second part, hereinafter referred to as "CONNERS,"

WITNESSETH:

That in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00)

paid by the party of the second part, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and in further consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, the said parties hereby covenant and agree as follows:

FIRST: The Trustees agree to and hereby grant and convey, forever to Conners, his heirs, successors and assigns, a strip of land for building a road thereon, along and on the right-of-way of the West Palm Beach Canal on the south or southwest side thereof, beginning at the intersection of the said canal with what is known as the Okeechobee Road Canal, and extending in a northwesterly direction to Lake Okeechobee, the said strip to be sixty-six (66) feet wide and having its north or northeast boundary line 25 feet from the edge of the West Palm Beach Canal, which boundary may be extended to the said canal at such intervals or points as may be required for connecting road ditches or culverts with the said canal, and for such other purposes as may be agreed to by both parties hereto.

From or near the point where the said strip of land intersects Lake Okeechobee, then northerly along or near the eastern shore of the said lake, the Trustees further grant Conners a strip of land sixty-six (66) feet wide, extending to the town of Okeechobee, in Okeechobee County, Florida, and southerly along or near the eastern shore of the said lake to Pahokee, in Palm Beach County, Florida, through and over any lands owned and held by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for the State of Florida.

SECOND: The Trustees reserve the right to construct through the said right-of-way, for drainage purposes, at such intervals as they may deem necessary, either for themselves or any other party, or parties engaged in draining or assisting in draining any portion of the Everglades, such canals or ditches as may be necessary for such purposes and under such regulations as they may prescribe, not inconsistent with the purpose of this agreement.

THIRD: Conners agrees to construct and maintain on such strip herein granted, a hard surfaced road not less than fifteen (15) feet wide and not nearer the canal than twenty-five (25) feet, and also to construct at each point where said strip of land crosses a canal, having dimensions of not less than ten (10) feet depth of cut and forty (40) feet width of bottom, a steel bridge of some practical draw

type. That the net clearance between abutments shall not be less than fifty (50) feet; and that the overhead clearance at the lowest member of bridge or bridges shall not be less than four (4) feet above normal ground surface when the span is closed, and that the vertical clearance when the span is open for the requirement of navigation shall not be less than forty (40) feet above the water level at the side of the bridge. That all ditches or culverts constructed by Conners, connecting with West Palm Beach Canal, shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Board for such ditches or culverts.

FOURTH: Conners further agrees that all draw-bridges constructed or used over or across any such canal or canals shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with plans approved by the Chief Drainage Engineer for the Trustees, and should other canals be constructed by the Trustees which would pass across or under the said road at any time, Conners will provide suitable bridges or culverts at such crossings without cost to the Trustees, and that such draw-bridges shall be operated in accordance with the Pilot Laws of the United States relating to draw-bridges across navigable streams.

FIFTH: It is agreed by the Trustees and Conners that the rights, right-of-way, easement and estate hereby granted and intended to be granted by the Trustees to Conners, his heirs, successors and assigns, shall be held and exercised by him or them so long as used for the construction and operation of a hard surfaced road, but when said strip shall in its entirety be voluntarily abandoned for road purposes, the said right-of-way shall revert and return to the Trustees, who shall thereby become re-invested with the title thereto.

SIXTH: In the event that Conners may desire to obtain rock from the Saint Lucie Canal, or from the banks thereof, for use in the construction, operation and maintenance of the road herein referred to, it is agreed that such rock may be obtained by him without charge, except such costs as may be incident to the handling, crushing and transfer of said rock. The taking and removing of said rock shall be done in such manner as will not damage or shoal said canal. The right is granted to Conners to erect and operate a crushing plant on said canal for the duration of the road construction period.

It is agreed that the Board, its agents and vehicles shall at all times have passage over the road herein constructed without the payment of toll.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The parties hereto have caused these presents to be executed in duplicate, this 25th day of April, A. D. 1923.

CARY A. HARDEE, (Seal)
Governor.

ERNEST AMOS, (Seal)
Comptroller.

J. C. LUNING, (Seal)
State Treasurer.

RIVERS BUFORD, (Seal)
Attorney General.

W. A. McRAE, (Seal)
Commissioner of Agriculture.

Of and composing the Trustees of
the Internal Improvement Fund.

W. J. CONNERS, (Seal)
Party of the Second Part.

Signed, sealed and delivered in
presence of:

M. D. CARMICHAEL,
GLENN TERRELL,

For the Parties of the First Part.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of:

M. D. CARMICHAEL,
GLENN TERRELL,

For the Party of the Second Part.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahssee, Florida, April 30, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met
on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. G. W. Bingham, of West Palm Beach, appeared before the Trustees relative to purchasing the submerged lands adjacent to Lone Cabbage Island, containing approximately 30 acres, lying in Section 27, Township 43 South, Range 43 East. After discussion it was decided to sell such submerged land, and the following Notice was ordered advertised in the Palm Beach Post, as required by law:

“NOTICE.”

Tallahassee, Florida, April 30, 1923.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 11 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, June 5, 1923, for the purpose of considering the sale of a submerged tract of land, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, located in Section 27, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, described as follows:

“A shallow bank or submerged tract of land in Section 27, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County, Florida, more particularly described as lying around and contiguous to Lone Cabbage Island, extending North and South for a width of approximately 200 feet on the East side of said Island, and North and South for a width of approximately 50 feet on the West side of the said Island, and having a length of approximately 3,590 feet, containing 30 acres, more or less; exact description to be furnished with the Deed.”

This notice is published in compliance with Section 1062, Revised General Statutes of Florida, and any person or persons who may have objections to said sale, may have an opportunity to present same as therein described.

Bids for above land will be received at Tallahassee until 11 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, June 5, 1923.

Certified check for \$500.00 must accompany all bids. Terms cash.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary."

Mr. Amos, Comptroller, presented an application from Brown Company, of Portland, Maine, for the purchase of approximately 60,000 acres of land in the Everglades. This matter was deferred for further consideration.

The following bills presented by the Secretary were approved and the Treasurer was requested to issue checks in payment of same:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Clerk Land Department during April, 1923.....	\$250.00
Glenn Terrell, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Counsel during April, 1923.....	116.66
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Secretary during April, 1924.....	66.66
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Tax Clerk during April, 1923	150.00
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Stenographer during April, 1923.....	40.33
Post Publishing Company, West Palm Beach, Fla. To advertising land sale 30 days—March 27, 1923	11.25
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	\$634.90

Mr. G. G. Marshall, former owner of Tracts 39, 40 57 and 58 of Section 10, Township 51 South, Range 38 East, containing 20 acres, in Broward County, made application to purchase same, title having vested in said Trustees for non-payment of Everglades Drainage District taxes for the year 1916. Having paid the sum of \$19.00 for said land, being an amount equal to the unpaid drainage taxes, penalties, interest and subsequent drainage taxes, to and including the year 1922, and satisfactory evidence having

been produced to show that the Tax Collector of Broward county had been paid, the drainage taxes for 1920 and 1921 by said Marshall, it was ordered that the amount overpaid, to-wit: \$6.00 be refunded and warrant for said amount be issued to Mr. Marshall from the Drainage Tax Fund.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 2, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The application of Brown Company, of Portland, Maine, to purchase certain lands in Palm Beach County, which matter was before the Trustees, April 30, 1923, was further considered, and it was decided to advertise certain lands in that county upon request of said company; whereupon, the Secretary was instructed to insert the following notice of sale in the Palm Beach Post, a newspaper published in the county in which said lands lie:

NOTICE.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 2, 1923.

NOTICE is hereby given that by virtue of the authority vested in them under the laws of the State of Florida, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund will, at Tallahassee, Florida, at 12 o'clock noon, Wednesday, June 6, 1923, receive bids for the purchase of 60,000 acres, more or less, of the following described lands, in Palm Beach County, Florida:

Sections 1, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 28, 29 30, 31, 32, 33, in Township 45 South, Range 38 East.

Sections 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33 and 35 in Township 46 South, Range 38 East;

All of the Hiatus Strip of land lying substantially South of Township 45 South, Ranges 37, 38, 39 and 40 East, and lying substantially North of Township 46 South, Ranges 37, 38, 39 and 40 East;

Sections 3, 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27, 31 and 35, Township 46 South, Range 39 East;

Sections 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 33 and 35, Township 46 South, Range 37 East;

Sections 3, 7, 11, 13, 19, 23, 25, 27, 31 and 35, Township 45 South, Range 37 East.

Sections 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33 and 35, Township 45 South, Range 39 East;

Sections 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 18, 20, 22 and 24, Township 47 South, Range 39 East;

containing 85,760 acres, more or less; the acreage being approximate only and to be computed and adjusted when actual surveys, so far as the same shall be necessary, shall have been made, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Purchaser shall pay \$60,000.00 by certified check, upon acceptance of bid, and three further payments of \$60,000.00 each at one, two and three years thereafter, and shall complete payment within seven years.

2. Purchaser shall develop land for agricultural purposes and not for colonization, and shall have in actual cultivation, in a marketable staple crop, not less than one thousand acres thereof within two years from date of acceptance of bid.

3. Purchaser shall construct substantial necessary buildings and lateral ditches, and the like improvements, to the amount of \$250,000.00 within the period of the said seven years.

4. Purchaser shall assume all State, county and drainage taxes after the year 1923.

5. After one year, upon forfeiture of first cash payment, the purchaser shall have the right to surrender

contract for said lands without further liability except for pro-rated amount of annual payment and all taxes to date, and shall be entitled to said lands in an amount equal to his total payments to date of surrender, divided by the price bid per acre, provided he shall have improved all lands to which he is so entitled to the full pro-rata extent of the above enumerated improvements.

6. Trustees not to create any charge, easement, lien, encumbrances or estates in the said lands; to protect purchaser against all loss from suits, liens, claims or demands respecting said lands, that same may be free, clear and unencumbered, and upon payment by purchaser of the full amount of the price bid and accepted for said lands, the Trustees to convey the same to purchaser by a good and sufficient deed of conveyance, conveying a good and marketable title in fee simple, free of all liens, encumbrances, easements, and purchaser to have the right to make assignments of contract of purchase to any person, firm or corporation which shall thereafter possess all rights conferred upon purchaser; contract to be binding on both Trustees and purchaser, their successors and assigns.

Bids for above land will be received at Tallahassee until 12 o'clock noon, Wednesday, June 6, 1923.

Certified check for \$1,000.00 must accompany all bids.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

Deed subject to usual reservations.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 8, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Cyril Baldwin appeared before the Trustees and made application to exchange lands owned by him in Sections 13, 14 and 15, Township 39 South, Range 33 East, for lands of the Trustees in Section 11, Township 37 South, Range 30 East.

Mr. Luning moved that the Chief Drainage Engineer be requested to have Mr. C. M. Johnson, Fire Warden, make an examination of both tracts of land as to their relative value and any improvements or proposed improvements that might enhance the value of said lands, and report same to the Trustees as early as possible.

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 10, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. M. D. Carmichael appeared before the Trustees and stated he was owner of Sections 1 and 2 of Township 41

South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, and was desirous of purchasing Section 6 of Township 41 South, Range 38 East, and if the Trustees would advertise same for sale he would agree to bid not less than \$25.00 per acre for said land on date of sale. Upon motion of Mr. Luning, duly seconded, the land was ordered advertised as required by law, for sale on June 14, 1923, in the Palm Beach Post, a newspaper published in the county in which said lands lie.

Mr. H. J. Dame, on behalf of certain land owners on Kramer Island, appeared before the Trustees with reference to low lands bordering said islands. The property owners had originally acquired lands on the island along the shore of Lake Okeechobee to the meander line of the lake. By reason of the lowering of Lake Okeechobee, certain marginal lands will be made useable when protected by levee or dyke against temporary high lake level, or from high wind tides. It was considered that the land so made available would extend from the present meander line at ordinary high water mark to approximately the 16 foot contour, and that such strip would have a width varying from 200 feet to 500 feet. Mr. Dame requested the Trustees to sell the abutting land owners this strip of land to the 16 foot contour. The area in question amounts to approximately 29 acres.

The Trustees agreed to sell the lands to the abutting property owners at a price of \$50.00 per acre. Mr. Dame requested a short time within which to consult with his clients and in which to advise the Trustees of their decision, which the Trustees agreed to.

The Financial Statement for the month of April, 1923, was presented and ordered placed of record:

Balance on hand April 1, 1923.....	\$ 42,753.67	
Interest on deposits, quarter ending March 31, 1923.....	504.76	
From land sales (\$143,831.41) less 25% to State School Fund (\$35,957.84)	107,873.57	
	<hr/>	\$151,132.00
Less disbursements	24,653.55	
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Balance May 1, 1923.....		\$126,478.45

RECAPITULATION.

Cash and cash items	\$ 1,000.00
Balance in banks.....	125,478.45

\$126,478.45

BALANCES IN BANK MAY 1, 1923.

Altantic National, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$ 37,968.07
Barnett National, Jacksonville, Fla.	21,844.69
Florida National, Jacksonville, Fla.	39,465.00
First National, Miami, Fla.....	1,495.77
First National, West Palm Beach, Fla.	19,841.81
Capital City, Tallahassee, Fla.....	2,588.77
Exchange, Tallahassee, Fla.....	813.19
Lewis State, Tallahassee, Fla....	1,461.15

\$125,478.45

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date 1923.	Check No.	In Favor of	Amount.
Apr.	2-4887	C. B. Gwynn....\$	250.00
Apr.	2-4888	Glenn Terrell ...	116.66
Apr.	2-4889	J. Stuart Lewis.	66.66
Apr.	2-4890	R. W. Ervin....	50.00
Apr.	2-4891	Jentye Dedge ..	40.33
Apr.	2-4892	Fort Lauderdale Sentinel	9.92
Apr.	2-4893	Miami Herald Publishing Co....	9.00
Apr.	2-4894	Glenn Terrell ...	64.80
Apr.	2-4895	R. W. Ervin	100.00
Apr.	4-4896	Underwood Type- writer Co.	85.05
Apr.	5-4897	Alvin B. Crow, Tax Col	1,914.25
Apr.	5-4898	Alvin B. Crow, Tax Col.	14,239.60
Apr.	5-4899	W. O. Berryhill, Tax Col.	780.75

Date	Check	In Favor of	Amount.
1923.	No.		
Apr. 5	4900	R. B. McLendon, Tax Col.	640.00
Apr. 5	4901	R. B. McLendon, Tax. Col.	5,930.95
Apr. 6	4902	Wm. Bell	12.00
Apr. 6	4903	B. H. Burnett...	12.00
Apr. 6	4904	S. S. Hatch.....	15.75
Apr. 6	4905	S. Ellett	4.50
Apr. 6	4906	Lloyd Melroy ...	3.00
Apr. 6	4907	N. K. Williams..	97.58
Apr. 6	4908	McDowell Lumber Company	13.46
Apr. 6	4909	A. Kattenbruner.	4.34
Apr. 6	4910	Grant Furniture Company	41.25
Apr. 6	4911	Western Union Telegraph Co....	3.97
Apr. 6	4912	Miami Herald Pub. Co.	9.75
Apr. 20	4913	Moore Haven Times	21.00
Apr. 20	4914	A. R. Richardson	52.93
Apr. 20	4915	John W. Williams	34.10
Apr. 20	4916	Glades County Democrat	1.50
Apr. 20	4917	Fort Lauderdale. Sentinel	2.00
Apr. 20	4918	Miami Herald...	9.00
Apr. 20	4919	Moore Haven Times	2.00
Apr. 20	4920	Miami Metropolis	7.80
Apr. 20	4921	Herald Co. (Ft. Lauderdale)	2.00
Apr. 20	4922	H. & W. B. Drew Co.	5.65

\$24,653.55

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 14, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.

J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The matter of balance due by Pennington & Evans on timber purchased in Lake Ochee was discussed and as they were still removing timber from said lake and had failed to make payments as required by agreement, it was ordered that the Attorney of the Trustees proceed to take the necessary steps to stop the removal of timber from said Lake Ochee.

Mr. Terrell, Counsel, stated that Mr. E. J. L'Engle had advised him that the Florida Sugar & Food Products Company had completed their Sugar Mill at a cost of \$200,000.00 as per agreement of August 20, 1921, and asked what form of evidence as to the completion of the work was required by the Trustees. The counsel was instructed to have said company make affidavit of such construction and cost and file with the Trustees.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 15, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Watson, representing the City of Miami, appeared before the Trustees and stated that the city was anxious to secure title to certain submerged lands in Biscayne Bay, within the city limits, south of Collier's Bridge, containing something like 1,000 acres, to be used for municipal purposes only, and read a bill which he had prepared for presentation to the Legislature, giving said land to the city. Upon vote the Trustees decided that they, as Trustees of the lands of the State of Florida, could not convey such lands, or endorse said bill, to grant said lands to the city of Miami, Florida.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 18, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

A letter from Mr. John C. Sherman, representing Brown Company, of Portland, Maine, was read, requesting the Trustees to advertise a certain island located in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, Florida; the Trustees having formerly agreed to advertise said island when said Brown Company

had secured permits from the United States War Department to make certain excavation, etc., Brown Company having agreed to bid not less than \$500.00 per acre for said island and submerged area, subject to sale by the Trustees. Whereupon, the Trustees ordered said submerged land advertised in the Miami Herald, a newspaper published in Dade County, Florida, as required by law, and the following advertisement was ordered published:

NOTICE.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 18, 1923.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 11 o'clock A. M., Thursday, June 28, A. D. 1923, for the purpose of considering the sale of a submerged tract of land, situated in Township 54 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, Florida, described as follows:

The island and surrounding shoals in Biscayne Bay, lying in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, Township 54 South, Range 42 East, and between the Florida East Coast Railway channel and the municipal channel, about one-quarter of a mile west of junction; containing 10 acres, more or less.

This notice is published in compliance with Section 1062, Revised General Statutes of Florida.

Bids for above land will be received at Tallahassee until 11 o'clock A. M., Thursday, June 28, 1923.

Certified check for \$1,000.00 must accompany all bids.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.

Attest:

J. Stuart Lewis, Secretary.

The Secretary presented a list of applications of former owners of land in Broward, Dade, Glades, Lee, Okeechobee, Palm Beach and St. Lucie Counties, who had failed to pay their drainage taxes, and certificates having been issued to said Trustees, and title to the lands having

vested in them, the Secretary was instructed to advertise said lands applied for in the various counties as required by law.

The following bills were approved and the Treasurer was requested to issue checks in payment of same:

Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	
Services during April, 1923.....	\$ 1.81
W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla. To postage stamps Secretary's office.....	15.00
H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla. To file and folders account Tax Clerk.....	62.75
Grant Furniture Company, Tallahassee, Fla. To 1 table and two sets of guides, account Tax Clerk	11.50
T. J. Appleyard, Printer, Tallahassee, Fla. To printing minutes of Trustees, letter heads for Tax Clerk and placards for Counsel.....	407.70
D. A. Dixon, Tallahassee, Fla. To 1 box carbon, account Secretary's office	3.00
To 1 file case, account Tax Clerk.....	60.00
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	\$561.76

As a meeting of the land owners of Southern Drainage District is to be held on June 11, 1923, at Miami, Florida, and on account of pressing engagements, none of the Trustees will be able to attend said meeting, it was decided to appoint Mr. Joe Conrad as Proxy for said Board; Whereupon, the following Proxy was executed:

PROXY.

WHEREAS, It will be impossible for any member of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to attend the meeting of land owners of the Southern Drainage District to be held June 11, 1923, at Miami, Florida; and

WHEREAS, The Trustees desire to be represented at such meeting; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That J. P. Conrad is hereby designated to represent the State of Florida at the election of Supervisors for said Southern Drainage District to be held at Miami, Florida, June 11, 1923, and to vote the extent of the acreage owned by the State in said District

for Supervisor thereof, or any other matters coming properly before said meeting.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
And Chairman Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of
the State of Florida.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 22, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Messrs. LeGro and Simmons, of Miami, appeared before the Trustees in behalf of the Biscayne Bay Improvement Company, and stated that they wished to purchase from the Trustees a strip of land 100 feet wide, lying along and parallel with Collin's Bridge, extending 50 feet on each side of the center line of Collin's Bridge across Biscayne Bay, so that the islands owned in the Bay by said company may be connected with Miami and Miami Beach. After discussion it was agreed to sell a strip of land 100 feet wide, where owned by the Trustees, for and in consideration of \$1,000.00 and upon receipt of a plat and description of said lands, same will be advertised as required by law and on date of sale deed will be issued to the Biscayne Bay Improvement Company; which prop-

osition was accepted by Messrs. LeGro and Simmons, for the Biscayne Bay Improvement Company.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 23, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees met to consider bids for the sale of the following described lands:

Lots 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9, Section 18;
Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, Section 19;
Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Section 30;
Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Section 32;
All in Township 35 South, Range 41 East in Saint
Lucie County, and containing 968.32 acres,
more or less.

The said lands having been advertised in the News-Tribune, a newspaper published in the county in which said lands lie, for thirty days, and affidavit of such publication having been filed with the Secretary of the Trustees, as required by law, and the same having also been advertised in the Palm Beach Post, bids were presented by the Secretary and same ordered opened.

Dr. M. J. Burston bid \$40.00 per acre for Lot 5 of Section 19, and \$31.00 per acre for Lots 1 and 2 of Section 30.

The Palm Beach Development Company bid \$40.00 per acre for the entire acreage.

Report of Mr. A. R. Richardson, who, by direction of the Trustees, had made an examination of these lands, was submitted and ordered filed. After discussion, Mr. Luning moved that all bids be rejected and a price of \$150.00 per acre be placed upon the same if sold as a whole, otherwise the lots in Section 19, and the lots in Section 18, Section 30 and 32, will be sold at \$200.00 per acre, if sold separately. The motion was duly seconded and adopted.

The Secretary was instructed to return checks, which accompanied bids, to the bidders.

The following bills were approved and the Treasurer requested to issue checks to cover:

The News Printing Co., Ft. Pierce, Fla. Advertising land sale St. Lucie County, May 23, 1923..	\$ 9.39
Palm Beach Post, West Palm Beach, Fla. Advertising land sale St. Lucie County, May 23, 1923..	9.50
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. Expenses trip to Ft. Pierce to inspect lands in Township 35 South, Range 41 East.....	51.79
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	\$ 70.68

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller.

Acting Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,

Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 24, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
 Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
 W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Hon. Glenn Terrell, Special Counsel for the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, having been appointed a Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida and having assumed said duties on May 15, 1923, the matter of electing a successor to Mr. Terrell for the above Boards was brought to the attention of the Trustees by the Chairman; whereupon, Mr. Luning nominated Hon. John B. Johnson, which nomination being duly seconded, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Hardee, Amos, Luning and Buford, 4.

Nays—Mr. McRae, 1.

Mr. Johnson was declared elected, effective June 1, 1923.

Mr. Luning moved that the salary of the Special Counsel be \$4,500.00 per annum, paid as formerly. Seconded by Mr. Amos, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Hardee, Amos, Luning and Buford, 4.

Nays—Mr. McRae, 1.

So the motion was adopted.

The Secretary was instructed to advise Mr. Johnson of the action of the Boards.

The following Resolution was introduced and unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, Hon. Glenn Terrell, Special Counsel for the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, having been appointed to the highly honorable position of Justice of the Supreme Court of our State; and

WHEREAS, In severing the official relations so pleasantly existing between Mr. Terrell and the Boards for the past six years, they do so with a feeling of mingled regret and satisfaction; regret that we will no longer have his valuable services, and satisfaction that by his ability

in handling all legal matters of the Boards he has won the friendship, esteem and confidence of its members, in so far that the Governor, Hon. Cary A. Hardee, Chairman of the Boards, has seen fit to recognize that ability by appointing him a Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the thanks of the members of the Trustees and Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District is hereby tendered our retiring Special Counsel for the valuable service rendered them during the time he served as Counsel and for much important litigation and many matters of a legal nature which were instituted and concluded, and his ability in handling these matters has in every instance been most satisfactory and advantageous to the interests represented.

Mr. M. D. Carmichael appeared before the Trustees and stated that he wished to purchase a tract of submerged lands in Lake Worth, containing approximately 30 acres and would pay \$25.00 per acre for same. After discussion the Trustees offered to sell Mr. Carmichael a tract 1,000 feet by 1,500 feet, containing 34.41 acres, more or less, for \$2,500.00 or a tract of 20 acres at \$50.00 per acre, provided his bid was the best bid received when lands were advertised for sale; lands to be advertised as required by law for sale July 2, 1923.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 28, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following Resolution was offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, D. R. McNeil appeared before the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and requested that certain lands belonging to the State of Florida, lying in Okeechobee County, between the present shore of Lake Okeechobee and the boundaries of existing surveys by the Federal Government, be surveyed and platted and placed on the market, and any parties now living on the said lands be given a preferential right to purchase the same; and

WHEREAS, This Board has knowledge that there exists within the boundaries as above indicated considerable acreage of the said lands which belong to the State of Florida and which it is proper to have surveyed and platted; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that the Chief Drainage Engineer be, and he is hereby, requested to make or to have made a survey of all lands belonging to the State of Florida lying between the lines of existing survey and the present high water mark of Lake Okeechobee, in Okeechobee County, and that the plat and field notes of the said survey and a full report thereof be returned to this Board at the earliest date possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That on the said plat of the said survey there be indicated as near as possible the settlements or claims of all parties now located and settled on the same.

DONE AND ORDERED this 28th day of May, A. D. 1923.

CARY A. HARDEE,
Governor and Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Messrs. Bryant, Anderson and L'Engle appeared before the Trustees in behalf of the Florida Sugar and Food Products Company and requested that they be permitted to file an affidavit on the part of the said company, showing that their part of a certain contract entered into between them and the Trustees, dated the 20th day of

August, A. D. 1921, had been fully carried out and complied with, and requested further that the Trustees deed them certain lands in compliance with the provisions of the said contract.

After due consideration the Trustees agreed to deed to the Florida Sugar and Food Products Company the following described lands:

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23, Township 42 South, Range 37 East; containing 160 acres, for which the company is to release from said agreement all that part of Section 3 lying South and West of the Hillsborough Canal in Township 44 South, Range 37 East; containing 158.80 acres, more or less,

and that an affidavit, evidencing the compliance, on the part of the said Florida Sugar and Food Products Company, of their part of the said contract, be prepared and forwarded to this Board and the said affidavit be ordered entered and become a part of the Minutes of the Trustees.

Hon. J. M. Burguières and E. J. L'Engle appeared before the Trustees, representing the Southern States Land & Timber Company, and requested that the said company be permitted to pay its 1921 and 1922 Everglades Drainage District taxes on the basis of the face of the certificates now outstanding against the same; said request being on the ground that the said taxes and certificates were illegally issued for the reason that the Statutes of this State, in advertising the same in Palm Beach County, had not been complied with; the said advertisement indicating a session of the Legislature in a year when no session was held, and did not properly enumerate the name of the said tax, and for other errors apparent on the face of the said advertisement affecting the same.

After due consideration the Trustees agreed to accept the proposition of Messrs. Burguières and L'Engle, and permit them to pay the said 1921 and 1922 Drainage Taxes of the Southern States Land & Timber Company, on the face of the certificates covering the same.

A meeting of the landowners of Dade Drainage District was called to be held on the 7th day of June, A. D. 1923, at 10 o'clock A. M., and it being impossible for any member of the Trustees to attend such meeting, Messrs. Ernest R. Graham and H. Edgar Barnes were appointed

as proxies to represent the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund at said meeting and proxy was executed and forwarded to the above named parties on this the 28th day of May, 1923.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 2, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. N. P. Yantis appeared before the Trustees and made application to purchase the NE $\frac{1}{4}$; N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, Township 37; NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$; S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 2; E $\frac{1}{2}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, Township 38, all South of Range 30 East, lying in Highlands County and containing 960 acres, more or less, and stated that he would agree to bid not less than \$15.00 per acre for the same if advertised. Mr. Yantis requested that, if he was the successful bidder, the terms be one-fourth cash and the balance in three equal annual payments, with interest on deferred payments; whereupon the Secretary was instructed to advertise the land as required by law for sale on July 10, 1923.

The following bills were approved and list ordered transmitted to Hon. J. C. Luning, Treasurer, with request that he issue checks to cover:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. Chief Clerk Land Dept., salary for May, 1923.....	\$250.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Secretary during May, 1923.....	66.66
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Tax Clerk during May, 1923.....	150.00
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary during May, 1923	40.33
W. H. Chancey, Tallahassee, Fla. To reading proof during May, 1923	24.00
Glenn Terrell, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Counsel during May, 1923—15 days.....	58.33
Expense account to Panama City in Sword and Wachob case	29.47
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	\$618.73

Financial Statement for the month of May, 1923, was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MAY, 1923.

Balance on hand May 1, 1923.....	\$126,478.45	
From A. B. Crow, Tax Collector, being refund on Palm Beach Drainage and Highway District taxes for 1922	84.50	
From sale of Minutes.....	3.00	
From land sales (\$49,328.72) less 25% to State School Fund (\$12,332.18)	36,996.54	
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	\$163,562.49	
Less disbursements	1,267.34	
Balance June 1, 1923.....		\$162,295.15

RECAPITULATION.

Cash and cash items.....	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance in banks.....	161,295.15	
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		\$162,295.15

BALANCES IN BANK JUNE 1, 1923.

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$ 37,968.07
Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	58,841.23
Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	38,197.66
First National Bank, Miami, Fla..	1,495.77
First National Bank, West Palm Beach, Fla.	19,841.81
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	2,676.27
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	813.19
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	1,461.15

 \$161,295.15

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date 1923.	Check No.	In Favor of	Amount.
May 1—	4923—	C. B. Gwynn...\$	250.00
May 1—	4924—	Glenn Terrell ..	116.66
May 1—	4925—	J. Stuart Lewis.	66.66
May 1—	4926—	R. W. Ervin...	150.00
May 1—	4927—	Jentye Dedge ..	40.33
May 1—	4928—	Post Publishing Co. W. Palm Beach	11.25
May 19—	4929—	Western Union Telegraph Co. . .	1.81
May 19—	4930—	W. H. May, Post- master	15.00
May 19—	4931—	H. & W. B. Drew Co	62.75
May 19—	4932—	Grant Furniture Co.	11.50
May 19—	4933—	T. J. Appleyard (Printer)	407.70
May 19—	4934—	D. A. Dixon....	63.00
May 24—	4935—	News Publishing Co., Ft. Pierce..	9.39

Date	Check	In Favor of	Amount.
1923.	No.		
May 24—	4936—	Palm Beach Post, West Palm Beach	9.50
May 24—	4937—	A. R. Richardson	51.79
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			\$ 1,267.34

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 5, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

The Trustees met to consider the sale of a shallow bank or submerged tract of land in Lake Worth, lying in Section 27, Township 43 South, Range 43 East; the same having been advertised as required by law in the Palm Beach Post, a newspaper published in the county in which said lands lie, and affidavit of publication filed with the Secretary. There being no objections to the sale of the said lands, the Trustees decided to recess until 4:30 P. M., when further consideration would be given the matter.

June 5, 1923, 4:30 P. M.

The Trustees met pursuant to recess and again recessed to meet at 11:30 A. M., Wednesday, June 6th, 1923.

Wednesday, June 6, 1923, 12:20 P. M.

Trustees met pursuant to recess, for further consideration of the sale of submerged tract of land. Upon motion,

duly adopted it was decided to accept oral bids for the land; whereupon, Mr. Bingham bid \$100.00 per acre; this bid was raised to \$275.00 per acre by Mr. Carmichael, when Mr. Bingham bid \$500.00 per acre, amounting to \$15,000.00 for the 30 acres. There being no further bids made, Mr. McRae moved the bid of Mr. Bingham be accepted; seconded by Mr. Amos and unanimously adopted. At Mr. Bingham's request deed was ordered issued to the Island Developers, Inc., of Palm Beach County, and forwarded to the Farmers Bank & Trust Company, of West Palm Beach, Florida, with Sight Draft for \$14,500.00, the \$500.00 which accompanied Mr. Bingham's bid to be applied on the purchase price.

Pursuant to Minutes of April 30th and May 2, 1923, the Trustees advertised 85,760 acres of land in Palm Beach County, Florida, lying in Township 45 South, Ranges 37, 38 and 39 East, and Township 47 South, Range 39 East, and all of that Hiatus South of Township 45 South, Ranges 37, 38, 39 and 40 East, for sale in the Palm Beach Post, a newspaper published in the county in which said lands lie, and affidavit of publication having been filed with the Secretary of said Trustees, and this date having been set for receiving bids, the same were opened. Brown Company, of Portland, Maine, presented the following bid:

Tallahassee, Florida, June 6th, 1923.

To the Trustees of the Internal Improvement
Fund of the State of Florida,
Tallahassee, Florida.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your notice and advertisement last dated June 2, 1923, for bids for the sale by you of certain public lands in Palm Beach County, in the Everglades, and hereinafter more specifically described, Brown Company, of Portland, Maine, does hereby, pursuant to such advertisement and in conformity therewith, make the following bid or proposition for the purchase of the said lands, to-wit: The sum of twelve dollars (\$12.00) per acre, for thirty-three thousand two hundred and eighty acres of said lands, as follows:

All of Sections 1, 13, 17, 20, 21, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33 of Township 45 South, Range 38 East;

All of Section 7, 17, 19, 21, 27, 29, 31, 33 and 35, in Township 45 South, Range 39 East;

All of Section 1 of Township 46 South, Range 37 East;

All of Sections 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 and 13 of Township 46 South, Range 38 East;

All of Sections 3, 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27 and 35 in Township 46 South, Range 39 East;

All of the Hiatus strip of land lying substantially South of Township 45 South, Ranges 38 and 39 East, and substantially North of Township 46 South, Ranges 38 and 39 East;

Comprising approximately thirty-three thousand two hundred and eighty (33280) acres;

Subject to the following terms and conditions of payment:

Brown Company offers and agrees in the event that this bid be accepted to pay to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida for the purchase of said thirty-three thousand two hundred and eighty (33280) acres, the following sums:

\$33,280 on June 6, 1923; \$33,280 on June 6, 1924; \$33,280 on June 6, 1925; \$33,280 on June 6, 1926; \$44,373.33 on June 6, 1927; \$55,466.67 on June 6, 1928, with interest for one year at 6%; \$66,560 on June 6, 1929, with interest for two years at 6% per annum, and \$99,840 on June 6, 1920, with interest for three years at 6% per annum.

The purchaser to pay all State, County and Drainage taxes after 1923.

Respectfully submitted,

BROWN COMPANY.

By John C. Sherman.

After discussion Mr. Amos moved that the bid be accepted and Agreement be entered into by the Trustees and Brown Company; seconded by Mr. Buford and unanimously adopted; whereupon, the Attorney of the Trustees was requested to draw up an agreement for sale of said lands

and present the same to the Trustees for consideration at an adjourned meeting to be held on the 7th instant. Trustees recessed to meet on the 7th.

June 7, 1923.

The Trustees met pursuant to adjourned meeting of the 6th, and the following agreement was accepted and executed by the Trustees and Brown Company:

AGREEMENT.

THIS AGREEMENT Made this 6th day of June, 1923, by and between Cary A. Hardee, Governor; Ernest Amos, Comptroller; J. C. Luning, State Treasurer; Rivers Buford, Attorney General; and W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture, composing the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, and hereinafter called the TRUSTEES, and Brown Company, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Maine, and having its principal office located at Portland, in said State of Maine.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, The Trustees are vested by law with the title and ownership in trust of public lands situated in the Everglades of the State of Florida and for the purpose of promoting the cultivation and improvement of said land, desire to make sale of the certain Everglade lands herinafter mentioned; and

WHEREAS, Brown Company desires to acquire for agricultural purposes the lands hereinafter described upon the terms and conditions contained herein; and

WHEREAS, The Trustees have duly advertised and given notice by publication offering the said lands for sale and requesting bids for the same, and have done all acts and things in such case required to be done in compliance with the provisions of the Revised General Statutes of Florida and all Acts Amendatory and supplementary thereof in such case made and provided; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to such advertisement, notice and offer, the written bid or proposition made and submitted by Brown Company to said Trustees with terms and conditions as hereinafter set forth was the highest and best bid received by the Trustees for the said lands

and was thereupon accepted in accordance with law by the Trustees.

NOW, THEREFORE, In pursuance of such offer and acceptance and in consideration of the sum hereinafter set forth to be paid by the Brown Company to the Trustees and for other valuable considerations, mutual understandings and obligations herein, the Trustees and Brown Company do hereby covenant and agree with each other as follows:

FIRST: The Trustees hereby covenant and agree to let and to grant, bargain, sell and convey unto Brown Company, its successors and assigns, a good and sufficient deed of warranty with the usual covenants conveying good title in fee simple to all those certain Everglade lands located in the following named Townships and Ranges, situate in the County of Palm Beach, in the said State of Florida, and more particularly described as follows:

All of Sections 1, 13, 17, 20, 21, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33 in Township 45 South, Range 38 East.

All of Sections 7, 17, 19, 21, 27, 29, 31, 33 and 35 in Township 45 South, Range 39 East.

All of Section 1, in Township 46 South, Range 37 East.

All of Sections 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 and 13, in Township 46 South, Range 38 East.

All of Sections 3, 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27 and 35, in Township 46 South, Range 39 East.

All of the Hiatus strip of land lying substantially South of Township 45 South, Ranges 38 and 39 East, and substantially North of Township 46 South, Ranges 38 and 39 East, comprising approximately an aggregate amount of thirty-three thousand two hundred eighty (33,280) acres.

SECOND. Brown Company hereby covenants and agrees to purchase the above described and enumerated lands subject to and upon the terms and conditions hereinafter specified and to pay therefor to the Trustees the following sums:

The sum of \$33,280.00 on June 6th, 1923;

The sum of \$33,280.00 on June 6th, 1924;

The sum of \$33,280.00 on June 6th, 1925;

The sum of \$33,280.00 on June 6th, 1926;

The sum of \$44,373.33 on June 6th, 1927;

The sum of \$55,466.67 on June 6th, 1928; with interest for one year at the rate of six per cent;

The sum of \$66,560.00 on June 6th, 1929; with interest for two years at the rate of six per cent per annum;

The sum of \$99,840.00 on June 6th, 1930, with interest for three years at the rate of six per cent per annum, said sums to be in full for the use and occupation and for the purchase and conveyance to it of all the lands specified in accordance with this AGREEMENT, provided that from and after one year from the date hereof upon forfeiture of the first payment to be made on June 6th, 1923, Brown Company shall have the right to surrender and terminate this AGREEMENT without any further liability thereunder, except for the pro-rated amount of the annual payment due under the terms of this AGREEMENT for the year in which this AGREEMENT is so surrendered and terminated, together with all taxes due on the date of such termination and the pro-rata part of the taxes for such year, and shall thereupon in lieu of its rights under this agreement be entitled to and shall receive by proper conveyance an amount of said lands hereinabove specified as shall be equal to its payments less the first payment and the amount paid for taxes to the date of such surrender and termination, divided by the price per acre bid by Brown Company and accepted by the Trustees, provided further, however, that Brown Company shall improve or shall have improved all lands to which it is so entitled to the full pro-rata extent of certain improvements to be made as hereinafter set forth and provided in such case that at least one-quarter of the total amount expended for improvement shall have been for drainage purposes. If when the lands herein agreed to be conveyed shall have been surveyed and the survey shall show an acreage different from that herein specified, the difference in acreage at the rate of twelve dollars (\$12.00) per acre shall be added to or deducted from the amount of the last payment herein specified and final settlement shall be made accordingly.

THIRD. As a part of the consideration of this AGREEMENT Brown Company hereby undertakes to construct on lands, or selected portions thereof to be acquired by it, such buildings of a substantial nature as may be necessary or desirable for its purposes and lateral ditches to, from or through the sections thereof and like improvements of an aggregate cost of not less than One Hundred Thirty-eight Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Dollars

(\$138,670.00), within the period of seven (7) years from the date hereof.

Brown Company also hereby covenants that the company will return all such lands for taxation in the manner provided by law for the return of real estate and agrees to assume and pay all State, County, Drainage and special taxes assessed after the year 1923, when and at the time other like taxes become due and payable, and, for the period pending the conveyance to it of said lands, to waive any objection to the legality of any assessment for State, County, Drainage and special taxes on the said 33,280 acres, by reason of the fact that full legal title has not passed to Brown Company. Brown Company reserves to itself all other rights in respect to any tax assessment or to any objection thereto to which a legal owner of lands subject to assessment is entitled under the law.

FOURTH. Brown Company shall have the right to build, maintain, use and have access to piers in canals and to excavate along the banks thereof for wharfage and other purposes at such points along the lands to be acquired as it may see fit, subject as to location and construction to the approval of the Commissioners of the Everglades Drainage District, and shall have the right also to construct and maintain locks on said canals at the upper and lower ends of said lands to be acquired subject, however, to the approval as to location and construction of and to control by the Board of Commissioners of the Everglades Drainage District.

FIFTH. Brown Company hereby undertakes and agrees to develop its lands to be acquired for agricultural purposes rather than for colonization and shall have in actual cultivation in a marketable staple crop not less than one thousand acres thereof within two years from June 6th, 1923.

SIXTH. It is mutually understood and agreed that the Brown Company shall have the right to enter upon the said lands herein described and to be conveyed and to possess and to have the full use and enjoyment of the same during the period of this AGREEMENT, and the Trustees hereby covenant and agree not to create any charge, easement, lien or other encumbrances on any of the said lands to be acquired during the period of this AGREEMENT and to protect Brown Company against loss from any claim or demands respecting said lands

or encumbrances thereon and to convey said lands to Brown Company in the following manner, to-wit: Upon the signing of this AGREEMENT the Trustees shall execute a deed of conveyance of the lands herein specified to be purchased in the form herein provided, in favor of Brown Company, and shall forthwith deposit said deed in escrow, or in trust, with some trustees as depository, mutually agreeable to the parties hereto under written instructions from the Trustees, accompanied by a copy of this agreement, to deliver the said deed to Brown Company, upon payment to the Trustees of the full purchase price herein provided to be paid for said lands and upon Brown Company having performed all other obligations provided in this agreement.

Said lands shall be conveyed free of all encumbrances, saving and reserving unto the said Trustees and the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District the right at any time to enter upon the said lands and make or cause to be made and constructed thereon such canals, cuts, sluiceways, dykes, and other works as may in their judgment be necessary and needful for the drainage or reclamation of any of said lands and to take from the said lands and use such gravel, stone or earth, as may in their judgment be necessary in making and constructing the same, and further saving and reserving unto the said Trustees and the Board of Commissioners of the Everglades Drainage District, the right to the possession, occupation and use of a strip of land across said premises one hundred and thirty (130) feet on each side of the center line of any canal, cut, sluiceway or dyke, that may be made and constructed on said lands by the Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District for the purpose aforesaid and the right to take, use, sell and dispose of any timber, earth, stone, rock or gravel lying in or upon said strip of land taken and used for the purpose aforesaid.

And further saving and reserving unto the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, and their successors, and undivided three-fourths interest in and title in and to an undivided three-fourths interest in all phosphate minerals and metals that are or may be in or under the said above described land with the privilege and right to mine and develop the same.

And further saving and reserving unto the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of

Florida, and their successors, an undivided one-half interest in and title in and to an undivided one-half interest in all of the petroleum that is or may be in, on or under the said above described land with the privilege and right to mine and develop the same.

This section shall not be considered to apply to any liens or charges created in respect to said lands by reason of duly authorized bond issues for drainage purposes.

SEVENTH. Brown Company understands and has based its bid upon the understanding that the Board of Commissioners of the Everglades Drainage District have in process and contemplation an improved system of canals through this territory, the same more especially being the canal or canals to be constructed from the proceeds of funds authorized by the State Legislature at its last session, including the improvement and clearing out of the lower portion of the Hillsboro Canal, and Brown Company relies upon the Trustees using their good offices with the Board of Commissioners of the Everglades Drainage District to so expedite the completion of these improvements as to enable Brown Company to construct its laterals and ditches when and as these shall be made by it as an integral part thereof to the end that the said improved system of canals and the Brown Company's laterals shall together and in connection with the control and operation of the various locks at the canal heads form an efficient and mutually co-ordinated system of drainage and protection of these lands from the overflow so far as possible.

EIGHTH. The Trustees shall undertake to use their good offices to facilitate an exchange between the Brown Company and private owners of sections to the end that Brown Company may acquire such privately owned lands as may be desirable in order to consolidate and block up its holdings and also to exchange with Brown Company such school and other sections held by the Trustees as lie within the limits of its thus consolidated purchase.

NINTH. Inasmuch as several of the sections among those offered for sale and designated to be sold to Brown Company are at present involved and in controversy in the litigation instituted and pending by the Executors and Trustees of the Estate of Richard J. Bolles, deceased, against the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida and also by reason of possible prior conveyances of Everglades lands made in accord-

ance with a designated map of earlier date differing in respect to location and extent of sections from the present official surveys and plats, the Trustees hereby covenant and agree to procure a full release and discharge of all such sections from any and every cloud on the title thereto and also to withhold from sale all other sections which they now own in Townships 45 and 46 South, Ranges 37, 38 and 39 East, and Township 47 South, Range 39 East, included in the lands so advertised for sale and not purchased by Brown Company under this agreement, and also sections 1 to 6, inclusive, in Township 47 South, Range 37 East; Sections 1 to 6 inclusive, in Township 47 South, Range 38 East, and Sections 2, 4 and 6, in Township 47 South, Range 39 East, pending such release and discharge or until the Sections so clouded are finally cleared by decision of a court of competent jurisdiction or until such earlier time as Brown Company shall have selected and accepted from the Trustees a conveyance by proper deed of warranty free and clear of all encumbrances or other cloud, such other lands from those above described as will make up the 33,280 acres of land.

TENTH. It is mutually understood and agreed that Brown Company may assign and transfer this contract to any person, firm or corporation and upon such transfer and assignment the assignee shall be seized, vested, have and possess all the rights which Brown Company has under the terms of this contract and shall be bound to perform each and every covenant and obligation herein stipulated to be performed on the part of Brown Company which shall thenceforth and thereafter be discharged of the performance of its duties and obligations under this contract. In the event Brown Company shall make default in the carrying out of any of the provisions of this contract, then the Trustees shall after giving sixty days' notice to Brown Company at its office at Portland, Maine, declare this contract forfeited, and if Brown Company shall not within such period make good the default complained of the contract shall stand forfeited and canceled.

ELEVENTH. It is further mutually understood and agreed that this contract and all the covenants, undertakings and stipulations herein contained shall be binding upon all and singular the Trustees and their successors in office and likewise upon Brown Company, its successors and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Trustees have hereunto set their hands and caused the seal of the Commissioner of Agriculture of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed, duly attested, and the said Brown Company has executed this agreement and caused the same to be signed and its corporate seal hereunto affixed by its President thereunto duly authorized the day and year first above written.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL
IMPROVEMENT FUND, (Seal)

By
CARY A. HARDEE, (Seal)
Governor.

ERNEST AMOS, (Seal)
Comptroller.

J. C. LUNING, (Seal)
State Treasurer.

RIVERS BUFORD, (Seal)
Attorney General.

W. A. McRAE, (Seal)
Commissioner of Agriculture.

BROWN COMPANY, (Seal)

By
H. J. BROWN, (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered in
presence of us as to execution
by Trustees.

ALLIE YAWN.

BERTA H. BOHLER.

Signed, sealed and delivered in
presence of us as to execution
by Brown Company,

W. E. PERKINS.

BENJ. B. SANDERSON.

STATE OF FLORIDA, }
COUNTY OF LEON. } ss:

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, this day personally appeared Cary A. Hardee, Governor; Ernest Amos, Comptroller; J. C. Luning, State Treasurer; Rivers Buford, Attorney General; and W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture, of and composing the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, to me well known to be such officers, respectively, and to be the persons described in and who

executed the foregoing agreement to the Brown Company, a corporation existing under the laws of Maine, and they severally acknowledged before me that they executed the same for and on behalf of the State of Florida, for all uses and purposes therein expressed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at Tallahassee, in said County and State, this 8th day of June, A. D. 1923.

ALLIE YAWN,

Notary Public, State of Florida.
My Commission expires April 17, 1925.

STATE OF MAINE, }
COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND. } ss:

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, an officer duly authorized to take acknowledgments of deeds and other instruments, personally appeared Herbert J. Brown, President of Brown Company, a corporation, one of the parties to the above written instrument, who being well known to me and known to me to be the same individual who as such President executed the above-written instrument on behalf of said corporation; and he, the said President, acknowledged that as such President he subscribed the said corporate name and affixed the seal of said corporation; and that he, as such President, delivered such instrument by authority and on behalf of said corporation; that all such acts were done freely and voluntarily and for the uses and purposes in said instrument set forth, and that such instrument is the free act and deed of said corporation; and he further acknowledged and declared that he knows the seal of said corporation, and that the seal affixed to said instrument is the corporate seal of the corporation foresaid.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 16th day of June, A. D. 1923, at Portland, in the State and County aforesaid.

BENJ. B. SANDERSON,

Notary Public.
My Commission expires November 13, 1926.

Brown Company having made application to purchase certain submerged tract or shallow bank in Section 34, Township 42 South, Range 43 East. The land was ordered

advertised in the Palm Beach Post as required by law for sale on Thursday, July 12, 1923, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The following bills were presented, approved and the Treasurer requested to issue checks to cover:

Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	
Services for May, 1923.....	\$ 2.79
Post Publishing Co., West Palm Beach, Fla.	
Advertising lands for sale June 5, 1923..	\$15.00
Advertising lands for sale June 6, 1923..	33.00
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	\$ 48.00
W. V. Mayfield, Clerk Circuit Court, Marianna, Fla. Filing paper in case of Trustees vs. Pennington & Evans, as per letter dated May 31, 1923	5.00
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	\$ 55.79

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 12, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Tatum, of the Tatum Land Company, and Mr. Mr. Simmons, of the firm of Shutts & Bowen, appeared before the Trustees relative to having certain lands, formerly sold to the Tatum Land Company, released

from mortgage; Mr. Simmons' company to assume the obligations of the Tatum Land Company; whereupon, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following lands be released from the Mortgage of the Tatum Land Company, which lands are as follows, to-wit:

	Sec.	Tp.	Rg.	Acres.
All East of Miami Canal..	1	49	36	25.00
All Sections 1 to 5 inclusive		49	37	3,200.00
All East of Miami Canal..	6	49	37	562.00
All East of Miami Canal..	7	49	37	164.00
All East of Miami Canal..	8	49	37	636.00
All Sections 9 to 16, inclus.		49	37	5,120.00
All East of Miami Canal..	17	49	37	355.00
All East of Miami Canal..	20	49	37	21.00
All East of Miami Canal..	21	49	37	535.00
All Sections 22 to 26 inclus.		49	37	3,200.00
All East of Miami Canal..	27	49	37	628.00
All East of Miami Canal..	28	49	37	130.00
All East of Miami Canal..	34	49	37	322.00
All	35	49	37	640.00
All	7	49	38	640.00
All Sections 18, 19 and..	20	49	38	1,920.00
All Sections 28 to 33, inclu.		49	38	3,840.00
				<hr/> 21,938.00

That the terms and consideration for said release be the substitution of a new mortgage from the Cleary Realty Company, represented by Mr. Simmons, of the office of Shutts & Bowen, which company is purchasing these lands from the Tatum Land Company by warranty deed; that the amount of said new mortgage to the Trustees be determined by the present released value of the lands above described, as is set out in the original mortgage from the Tatum Land Company to the Trustees, which release clause requires that Eleven Dollars (\$11.00) per acre be paid for all acreage fronting upon the Miami Canal in 40 acre tracts or less, and that Seven Dollars (\$7.00) per acre be paid for release on remaining lands not so fronting upon the said Miami Canal. That the

estimate of the foregoing acreage as furnished by the Chief Drainage Engineer be accepted as follows: Fronting upon the Miami Canal 898 acres at \$11.00 per acre, which equals \$9,878.00; that the balance of said acreage, to-wit: 21,040 acres, at \$7.00 per acre, equals \$147,280.00 which two amounts make a total sum of \$157,158.00; that said total sum above mentioned be secured by a mortgage to be approved by this Board, securing promissory notes, duly and properly executed by the purchaser from the Tatum Land Company, which notes shall be in the respective sums of \$25,000.00; \$25,000.00; \$25,000.00; \$25,000.00; \$25,000.00; and \$32,158.00; which notes shall be payable, one each year on the respective dates as now called for in the Supplementary Agreement to the original Tatum Mortgage, determining the balances to be paid annually by the Tatum Land Company; that such notes shall bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and that the principal amount of each note shall, from year to year, be properly credited upon the annual payment to be made in that year by the Tatum Land Company.

That Section 36, Township 49 South, Range 37 East, heretofore released, be included in the new mortgage to the Trustees; that the release clause in the new mortgage shall be substantially the same as in the original Tatum Mortgage, to-wit: The lands will be released upon the payment of \$11.00 per acre for Canal frontage in 40 acre tracts, or less, and for all other acreage, release clause shall be \$7.00 per acre.

The Trustees having on May 10, 1923, at the request of Mr. M. D. Carmichael, advertised Section 6, Township 41 South, Range 38 East, Palm Beach County, for sale on June 14th, and having ascertained that this land had been previously sold by the Trustees, the sale was ordered cancelled.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 15, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

W. A. McRea, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Ervin, Tax Clerk, presented an exhibit and report of drainage tax certificates issued on lands in the Everglades Drainage District, showing certificates upon which title had vested in the Trustees, double and erroneous certificates, etc. It was ordered that Mr. Ervin pay taxes on certificates covering lands owned by the Trustees for the years 1914 to 1920, without penalties and interest; also certificates covering lands that were never sold by the Trustees and still owned by the State; also certificates on lands sold by the Trustees and reconveyed; also certificates on lands on which the Trustees hold mortgage, and to cancel all certificates covering lands that do not exist, and lands owned by the United States; outstanding certificates on lands sold by Trustees; subsequent certificates where certificates heretofore had been issued and held by the Trustees; to adjust all certificates where acreage is irregular; certificates that do not correspond with the Assessment Roll to be adjusted or cancelled.

It was also ordered that the Chief Drainage Engineer be requested to have Field Engineer secure such plats as are on file in the Clerk's office of the various counties where lands are described by lots or tracts and filed in said counties.

Mr. Ervin was instructed to write the Tax Collectors that lands sold by the Trustees on which Trustees held mortgage, drainage taxes would be paid by Trustees if not paid by the purchaser. Special Counsel was requested to ascertain the status of these lands and proceed to foreclose if the said purchaser failed to pay said drainage taxes, clearing lands under mortgage of all tax ties.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 19, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of March 27th, 31st, April 13th, 19th, 24th, 28th, 30th, May 2, 8th, 10th, 14th, 15th, 18th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, June 2nd, 5th, 12th and 15th, read and approved.

Mr. Paul Carter appeared before the Trustees and stated that Pennington and Evans had removed approximately \$7,000.00 worth of timber from the land in Lake Ocheese, upon which they had purchased timber rights June 17, 1919, and said Pennington and Evans had paid the Trustees \$7,000.00, and as his clients were unable to meet their obligations and were willing to deed back to the Trustees said timber rights, covered by Entry No. 16772 of July 1, 1919, and pay the sum of \$500.00 if the Trustees would release them from their contract. Upon motion, duly seconded and adopted, the Counsel of the Trustees was instructed to make such settlement with Pennington and Evans.

The following bill was approved and check ordered issued:

A. B. Crow, Tax Collector, West Palm Beach, Fla.
 Taxes on lands in Palm Beach County.....\$133.60

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
 Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
 Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 28, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
 Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
 W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees met to consider the sale of a certain submerged tract of land containing 10 acres, more or less, lying in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, Florida, situated in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, Township 54 South, Range 42 East. The Secretary presented affidavit of the Miami Herald, a newspaper published in the county in which said lands lie, showing the same had been advertised as required by law, and bids were ordered opened. Brown Company, of Portland Maine, bid \$500.00 per acre for said lands, bid being accompanied by a certified check for \$1,000.00.

A number of objections having been filed with the Trustees and Mr. W. H. Price, representing Miami and various civic organizations of Miami; Messrs. Brown and Julian, representing Shutts and Bowen; Mr. Sneidigar, Mayor of Miami Beach, and Mr. Bradford, of the Texas Oil Company, being present to object to the sale, after discussion, Mr. Buford moved that action on sale of said land and hearing of objections be deferred until such time as all members of the Trustees would be present; seconded by Mr. McRae and upon vote adopted.

It was agreed that when date for further consideration was made that parties interested would be advised.

Application from one Ernest E. Mitchell (colored) of Fort Myers to erect a shed on a small sand bar off Punta Rassa, Florida, (said sand bar having been made by dredging) to be used for colored people on the Beach was received and the Trustees agreed to allow the erection of said shed for above purpose, the same to be removed at any time when so ordered by the Trustees; said permission to carry no rights, claims or easement upon said island or sand bar.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Chief Clerk Land Department during June, 1923	\$ 250.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Secretary during June, 1923.....	66.66
J. B. Johnson, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Special Counsel during June, 1923.....	125.00
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Stenographer during June, 1923.....	40.33
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Tax Clerk during June, 1923.....	150.00
J. W. Williams, Tallahassee, Fla. To expenses inspection State lands June 11th to 17th, 1923	64.77
Homestead Enterprise, Homestead, Fla. Subscription to paper for one year—Tax Clerk...	2.00
American Eagle, Estero, Fla. To subscription to paper one year—Tax Clerk.....	1.50
H. & W. B. Drew Company, Jacksonville, Fla. To 200 folders—account Tax Clerk.....	3.76
A. J. Lewis, Sheriff, Marianna, Fla. To serving papers Re: Trustees vs. Pennington-Evans, et al., Bills of June 6th and 8th, 1923.....	3.50
B. A. Meginnis, Rep. American Surety Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Premium on Bond, Bill of June 7, 1923	10.00
Post Publishing Company, West Palm Beach, Fla. To advertising land sale June 14, 1923—5 issues	10.00
Miami Herald Pub. Company, Miami, Fla. To advertising lands for sale June 28, 1923—5 issues	10.50

W. O. Berryhill, Tax Collector, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Taxes on lands of Trustees in Broward County	321.50
R. B. McLendon, Tax Collector, Miami, Fla. Taxes on lands in Sou. Dr. District..\$ 175.00	
Taxes on lands in Dade County..... 5,565.03	5,740.03
Edwin Barnes, Tallahassee, Fla. To Clerical Assistant to Tax Clerk—17 days during June, 1923	51.00
R. W. Ervin, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla. To Clerical work assisting Tax Clerk—15 days during June, 1923	45.00
	<hr/> \$6,895.55

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 2, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees met to consider the sale of certain submerged tract of land lying in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County, Florida, being in Section 27, Township 42 South, Range 43 East, containing 35 acres, more or less. The same having been advertised in the Palm Beach Post, a newspaper published in the county in which said lands lie, as required by law, and affidavit of such publication filed with the Trustees, bids were ordered opened. Mr. M. D. Carmichael bid \$2,500.00 for the tract and certified check for \$1,000.00 accompanied same.

Written protest was filed by Jerome E. Wideman in behalf of A. F. Huston, his client, owner of lands im-

mediately East of said submerged tract. Further consideration of the sale was postponed until such time as a full Board could be present.

Mr. F. C. B. LeGro and associates having made application on May 22nd to purchase a strip of land 100 feet wide across Biscayne Bay, and the Trustees having agreed to advertise said strip upon receipt of a plat and description of said land, and said description having been received by the Trustees, the following advertisement was ordered published in the Miami Herald, a newspaper in the county in which said lands lie, as required by law:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, July 2, 1923.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 11 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, August 7, 1923, for the purpose of considering the sale of a submerged tract of land described as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of the North and South lines of Lot 70 of Nelson Villa Subdivision in the City of Miami with the Miami harbor line on the West side of Biscayne Bay, a strip 100 feet wide across Biscayne Bay to the West seawall of Belle Isle, centering on the center line of Collins Bridge at its junction with Belle Isle, in Dade County, Florida.

This notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida.

Bids for above land will be received at Tallahassee until 11 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, August 7, 1923.

Certified check for \$1,000.00 must accompany all bids.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

The Trustees having on May 18th, ordered the advertisement of various tracts of lands, title which had vested in the Trustees for non-payment of Drainage Taxes, upon request of former owners in the Counties of Broward, Dade, Glades, Lee, Okeechobee, Palm Beach and Saint Lucie, and the same having been advertised as required by law, and this date set for sale, the bids were considered, but as the Legislature of 1923 had passed a Bill, i. e., Chapter 9131, approved June 11, 1923, allowing owners of land in the Everglades Drainage District, whose lands had been sold for said Drainage Taxes any time prior to the year 1920, to redeem same upon payment of taxes, with 6 per cent interest on said certificate, and all omitted taxes therefrom, it was ordered that deeds be issued to all applicants to purchase who are owners, in accordance with Chapter 9131, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1923.

Financial Statement for the month of June, 1923, was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JUNE, 1923.

Balance on hand June 1, 1923.....	\$162,295.15	
Refund by State Land Committee, Ft. Lauderdale, acct. Everglades Drainage Dist. Taxes paid by Trustees (Broward County)....	3,861.98	
Refund by W. O. Berryhill, Tax Collector, acct. Broward Dist. Taxes	7.50	
From land sales (\$57,802.12) less 25% to State School Fund (\$14,450.52)	43,351.60	
	<hr/>	\$209,516.23
Less disbursements	6,870.71	
Balance July 1, 1923.....		\$202,645.52

RECAPITULATION.

Cash and cash items.....	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance in banks.....	201,645.52	
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BALANCE IN BANKS JULY 1, 1923.

Atlantic National, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$ 69,226.04
Barnett National, Jacksonville, Fla.	62,073.76
Florida National, Jacksonville, Fla.	44,050.03
First National, Miami, Fla.....	1,495.77
First National, West Palm Beach, Fla.	19,841.81
Capital City, Tallahassee, Fla.....	2,683.77
Exchange, Tallahassee, Fla.....	813.19
Lewis State, Tallahassee, Fla.....	1,461.15
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	\$201,645.52

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date	Check No.	In Favor of	Amount.
1923			
June 2	4938	C. B. Gwynn...\$	250.00
June 2	4939	J. Stuart Lewis..	66.66
June 2	4940	R. W. Ervin.....	150.00
June 2	4941	Jentye Dedge	40.33
June 2	4942	W. H. Chancey...	24.00
June 2	4943	Glenn Terrell	87.80
June 8	4944	Western Union...	3.79
June 8	4945	Post Publishing Co., W. Palm Beach	48.00
June 8	4946	W. V. Mayfield, C. C. C.....	5.00
June 19	4947	A. B. Crow, Tax Collector	133.60
June 25	4948	W. O. Berryhill, Tax Collector	321.50
June 27	4949	R. B. McLendon, Tax Collector	5,565.03
June 27	4950	R. B. McLendon, Tax Collector	175.00
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			\$ 6,870.71

Representatives of Mr. G. W. Bingham appeared before the Trustees and stated that the Island Developers, Inc., who purchased a certain submerged tract of land in Lake Worth on June 6th, 1923, as per Minutes of

the Trustees, was very desirous of having the terms changed in the deed as follows, to-wit:

Deed to be delivered for said land upon payment of \$3,000.00 and Mortgage to be made for the balance of \$12,000.00 to be paid—\$6,000.00 in one year and \$6,000.00 in two years after date of deed, with 7 per cent interest on deferred payments.

The Trustees agreed to make such change and the Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to issue deed in accordance therewith.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 7, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

In accordance with orders of the Trustees, Hon. J. B. Johnson, Counsel, sent to the Commissioner of Agriculture affidavit of F. E. Bryant, President of the Florida Sugar & Food Products Company, stating that said company has constructed the Sugar Mill as agreed upon under agreement of August 20, 1921, and May 28, 1923, and also sent a deed from said company, conveying all of Sections 23, 27 and 35 of Township 45 South, Range 38 East; also sent a Quit-claim Deed of the Hillsboro Canal Company to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for the same lands, with three notes for \$6,844.63 each dated May 29, 1923, and payable July 1, 1924, July 1, 1925, and July 1, 1926, respectively, bearing six per

cent interest per annum, and Mortgage of same date securing said notes, covering All Section 3 lying South and West of West Palm Beach Canal, except Lot 6, all Section 11 lying South and West of West Palm Beach Canal in Township 42 South, Range 37 East; All Section 3 except that part lying South and West of Hillsboro Canal in Township 44 South, Range 37 East; Also NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, stating that he had delivered Deed No. 17,040 from said Trustees to said company for lands covered by said Mortgage in accordance with said order of the Trustees. Said affidavit above was ordered made a part of the Minutes, as follows:

FLORIDA SUGAR & FOOD PRODUCTS COMPANY.

**AFFIDAVIT OF F. E. BRYANT, PRESIDENT,
REGARDING CONSTRUCTION AND COM-
PLETION OF SUGAR MILL.**

**STATE OF FLORIDA,
COUNTY OF DUVAL.**

Personally appeared before me, F. E. BRYANT, who, being duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is the President of FLORIDA SUGAR & FOOD PRODUCTS COMPANY, a corporation under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, being the same Company of that name mentioned in the contract between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida and said Florida Sugar & Food Products Company, dated August 20th, 1921; that said Florida Sugar & Food Products Company, hereinafter called the Company, did on or before April 20, 1923, and within and less than twenty months from the date of said contract, erect, complete and have in actual operation a sugar mill with a minimum capacity of four hundred tons of cane per day of twenty-four hours, upon the lands described in paragraph 2 (c) of said contract dated August 20th, 1921, and that said sugar mill cost more than Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00), including the cost of materials, machinery, etc., and the construction and erection of the same and equipment thereof and therefor.

Further deposing, affiant says that said Company has in all matters and respects fully performed and complied with the requirements of said contract of August

20th, 1921, within the time or times therein required regarding the construction, operation, character, capacity and cost of the sugar mill contemplated by said contract, and that the said Company did within said period of twenty months from the date of said contract notify said Trustees of the foregoing, and that said Company was ready, able and willing to perform said contract on its part.

F. E. BRYANT.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 29th day of May, 1923.

(SEAL) BERTHA Y. FARNHAM,

Notary Public, State of Florida at Large.

My Commission expires February 8, 1925.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 9, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met
on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Pursuant to request of the Trustees, the Chief Drainage Engineer submitted a report relative to the status of certain lands around the shore of Lake Okeechobee, especially as affected by Deed No. 15898 known as the "Henderson Deed," and the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, The State of Florida received title from the Federal Government by Patent No. 137 to the Everglades, the boundary in said patent describing certain lands as "around the shores of Lake Okcechobee," and the Trustees having sold and deeded certain of these lands among which are those covered by Deed No. 15898, known as the "Henderson Deed," and

WHEREAS, The lands forming the bottom of Lake Okeechobee belong to the State in its sovereign capacity, and said sovereign lands and said patented lands are adjoining and are bounded by each other, and it being necessary to ascertain and to determine by a dividing line the extent and the physical status of said lands, and

WHEREAS, The Chief Drainage Engineer, in accordance with instructions from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund has submitted a report with reference to the foregoing, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the said report of the Chief Drainage Engineer be accepted, approved and adopted, and the same, together with the plats, maps and drawings, be and the same is hereby made a part of the Minutes and the permanent official record of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 6, 1923.

Trustees of the Internal
Improvement Fund of the
State of Florida,
Tallahassee, Florida.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with request of Hon. Rivers Buford, Attorney General, that I submit a report relative to certain lands embraced in Deed No. 15898 known as the "Henderson Deed," I beg to advise as follows:

The lands conveyed under Deed No. 15898, December 28th, 1904, by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida to the Heirs of John A. Henderson, are located in the following Townships:

Township 40 South, Range 32 East.

Township 41 South, Range 32 East.

Township 42 South, Range 30 East.
 Township 42 South, Range 31 East.
 Township 42 South, Range 32 East.
 Township 42 South, Range 33 East.
 Township 42 South, Range 34 East.
 Township 43 South, Range 31 East.
 Township 43 South, Range 32 East.
 Township 43 South, Range 33 East.
 Township 43 South, Range 34 East.
 Township 44 South, Range 33 East.
 Township 44 South, Range 34 East.

The location of these lands is shown on the attached map marked "A."

Special reference is had to the lands of Township 42 South, Range 32 East, but that which is hereinafter stated is also applicable in the principle involved to the other lands above described which border upon Lake Okeechobee.

These lands are among those which came to the State by Act of Congress of September 28th, 1850 (9 U. S. Statutes L. 519-520) known as the "Swamp and Overflow Land Grant Act." By virtue of said Act the State of Florida received patent No. 137 dated April 29, 1903, to the lands comprising the Everglades. The boundaries of the Everglades patent in that relevant portion are as follows:

From the intersection of the North line of Township 41 South, Range 37 East, and the waters of Lake Okeechobee, "thence Southerly and Westerly around the shores of Lake Okeechobee and Northerly along said Lake to a point in Township 41 South, Range 32 East, where the North line of said Township strikes the Lake."

The language of the patent "around the shores of Lake Okeechobee" makes the shore of this lake the Lakeside boundary of such of these lands as border upon the said Lake.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund by deed No. 15898, dated December 28th, 1904, conveyed to the Henderson Heirs certain lands bordering upon the Southwest shore of Lake Okeechobee described in the following language:

"The lands thus to be taken are embraced between the lines of existing surveys and the margins of the Okeechobee and its tributaries."

The term "margin of the lake" in land descriptions is one of unequivocal import, meaning to the edge only of the lake and not including the bottom of the same. This language indicates that it was the intention of the Trustees, and that the Trustees did, in fact, by this description, convey all the lands between the lines of existing surveys and the margin of the Okeechobee, but no more. This includes within the scope of the description all of certain lands to which the State had received title under patent 137 from the Federal Government, but did not include the bottom of the lake which vested in the State by right of its sovereignty.

No official surveys by the State or by the United States had been made of the lands described in patent No. 137 known as the Everglades, and no official survey had been made of the lands conveyed by the Trustees to the Henderson Heirs. A preliminary or exploratory survey had been made, known as the "Keller Survey," and based upon the same, a schedule of acreages was designated for the sections conveyed, as nearly as the same was practicable, in order that the area and location of the lands conveyed should be in conformity with the agreement between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and John A. Henderson. A blue print of a section of Keller Survey showing particularly Township 42 South, Range 32 East, is hereto attached, marked "B."

These lands have now come down by conveyance to other parties for whom Clarence M. Busch is Trustee, representing himself and associates. The above and associates are commonly referred to as the "SOUTH FLORIDA FARMS COMPANY." Mr. Bush, as Trustee, claims title to certain lands in sections 11 and 12 of Township 42 South, Range 32 East, which are a part of the bottom of Lake Okeechobee, as against claim of title by the State. These lands are on the lake side of a certain meander line hereinafter referred to and as shown on a plat attached hereto marked "D." The lands claimed are shown by Plat "B-B." In 1915 the said South Florida Farms Company made, or caused to be made, on its own account and according to its own methods, a survey of certain of the lands received by them from the Henderson Heirs. Attached hereto is a blue print marked "C" entitled "Plat of Township 42 South, Range 32 East, showing survey made by Thomas E. Frederick in

1915 for the South Florida Farms Company." This plat is a blueprint from the original tracing prepared by the said Thomas E. Frederick of the lands surveyed for the South Florida Farms Company. Among other things the plat shows across the Northeast portion of the Township an irregular line purporting to represent the shore line of Lake Okeechobee. With reference to the shore of Lake Okeechobee, the physical conditions on the ground are such that the water mark of the lake is easily discernable and can be followed in the laying down of a line to conform thereto. This line of the shore is evidenced by a growth of trees and weeds on the high side, and below this line on the lake side, vegetation has been prevented by the existence of water, or gives place to aquatic growth. Further evidence of the water line is the pronounced slope of the shore at many places along the lake. The irregular line above referred to is in general conformity with the physical evidences on the ground of the shore of Lake Okeechobee.

In 1918 the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund caused to be made a survey for the purpose of defining a water line on the shore of Lake Okeechobee and for establishing the lakeside boundary as nearly as practicable of adjoining lands. The line run by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund does not follow the high limit which the lake reaches under unusual conditions, nor does it follow the lowest line which it is conceivable the lake has or may attain at infrequent intervals. The line as run follows as nearly as practicable the lower mark upon the shore where the zone of separation between land and water is clearly defined. It marks the lower line of the water under ordinary conditions when the lake was not disturbed by unusual or abnormal conditions, and as unaffected by the drainage operations. That is to say, this line is the lower line of ordinary fluctuation, below and bordering which the bottom of the lake begins. The Trustees believe that they took title to the land above this line from the Federal Government by Patent No. 137, and in turn, intended to convey by Deed No. 15898 lands co-extensive as to their lakeside boundary with those of Patent No. 137 aforesaid.

There is attached hereto blueprint marked "D" already referred to entitled "Plat of Township 42 South, Range 32 East, showing survey made by Thomas E. Frederick

in 1915 for the South Florida Farms Company." This blueprint is identical with one of the same title heretofore referred to marked "C," but on print "D" is shown by dotted line "Meander line by Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in 1918." Attention is invited to the line as run by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and to the line as run by Thomas E. Frederick for the South Florida Farms Company. Inspection discloses that for all practical purposes these lines are in conformity, and that such conformity of the said lines run by different surveyors at different times, each without knowledge of the other line, but using the same physical evidence on the ground, tends to verify the correctness of the definition of the ordinary water mark of Lake Okeechobee, and establishes the lakeside boundaries of adjoining lands:

First—As conveyed to the State of Florida by the United States under patent No. 137.

Second—As conveyed to Heirs of John A. Henderson by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund under Deed No. 15898.

Third—As conveyed by Heirs of the said John A. Henderson by chain of title to Busch and associates.

Thus the extent of the lands in so far as the Lakeside boundary of the same is concerned, seems to be clear.

The lands below the shore of Lake Okeechobee were not of the character of swamp and overflow lands such as inured to the State from the Federal Government under the Act of 1850. The lands below the shore of the said lake belong to the State in its sovereign capacity, and at the time of the passing of Deed No. 15898 above referred to, the status of said lands was not such as to subject them to alienation from the State. Nor have these lands below the shore of the said lake which Busch and associates claim, been conveyed, deeded, or otherwise disposed of by the State subsequent to said deed, even though the Trustees now have authority from the Legislature so to do.

With reference to these lands, which in their natural condition formed a part of the bed of the lake, there has been temporarily, and eventually there will be permanently, a strip exposed around Lake Okeechobee by reason of the lowering of the water level of the said lake. This comes about, not through natural causes, but is the direct

result of artificial acts in the drainage of the Everglades, which said drainage, in part, contemplates a permanent lowering of the level of Lake Okeechobee by means of canals leading to the sea. The land thus exposed through artificially lowering the said lake, does not come into existence slowly, imperceptibly, or as in the ordinary course of natural events, but in a more pronounced manner, relatively sudden, and within a short course of time. Further with reference to the lands in Township 42 South, Range 32 East, the description of said lands and the deed or conveyance to the Heirs of John A. Henderson calls for a total area of 14,833.8 acres. The area of the said Township, according to the survey by the South Florida Farms Company, shows an area of 15,107 acres, or an excess of 273.2 acres over and above the number of acres described in the deed of conveyance. Section 16, which is a school section, is not included in the deed or in the acreage estimated. Subsequently the South Florida Farms Company purchased from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund Section 27, containing 102 acres not described in deed No. 15898. Thus there is contained in the said Township 171.2 acres more than called for in the combined acreage of both deeds. It appears therefore, from the survey, that they have received all of the land which was intended to be conveyed, that there is no shortage of acreage and no deficiency in the amount of land over which they have undisputed possession.

Further with reference to the survey of Township 42 South, Range 32 East, as shown by the three blueprints already referred to, attention is invited to the blueprint on which is shown in dotted lines a subdivision of the said township dividing the same into sections of a normal size as far as the same is practicable, according to the usual and accepted practice followed in making land surveys. It will be observed that the survey of the South Florida Farms Company was made so as to throw a large surplus acreage on the Western tier of sections of this Township. That is to say Section 6 of the said township has its Northern boundary 87.69 chains long according to their survey, instead of 80 chains, and contains an area of 696.86 acres instead of 640 acres, which is the area of the normal section. It will be further observed that a normal subdivision of the Township, beginning at the line connecting corners of existing surveys on the West side, being

the Range line between Ranges 31 and 32 and marking off Sections one mile square toward the Eastward, according to the usual and normal methods, would have placed a considerably larger area of land in Sections 2, 3, 11 and 12 of said Township, all of which said sections border upon the shores of Lake Okeechobee. Had such normal and usual method of subdivision been made, the areas of the said Sections 2, 3, 11 and 12 would have been substantially in conformity with those described by the deed from the Trustees to the Henderson Heirs. In other words, the South Florida Farms Company by its own method of making this survey, caused a deficiency of land to be thrown into sections 2, 3, 11 and 12, and a corresponding excess of lands to be thrown in Sections 6 and 7 and others on the West side of said Township.

Summing up the foregoing as to the lands variously conveyed, it appears as follows:

1. The lands in question are among those which came to the State from the Federal Government. The conveyance from the Federal Government described the boundary of these lands as "the shores of Lake Okeechobee."

2. The lands in question are among those conveyed by the State to the Henderson Heirs and thence by chain of title to Bush and associates. The conveyance from the State described the boundaries of these lands as "the margins of the Okeechobee."

3. The lands in question as conveyed by said patent to the State and as defined by the boundaries set forth in the said patent, did not extend below the shores of Lake Okeechobee, nor did the deed from the State convey more, but as to their lakeside boundary, said lands passed from the State even as they came.

4. Bush and associates lay claim to certain lands in Sections 11 and 12 below the shore of Lake Okeechobee which are a part of the bottom of said Lake, but the State has neither conveyed, deeded, granted nor released these lands below the shore of Lake Okeechobee and forming a part of the bottom thereof either to the Henderson Heirs or to Bush and associates.

Hence neither by deed, nor by description, nor by acreage have Bush and associates any sort of title to the

land which they claim below the shore of Lake Okeechobee and forming a part of the bottom thereof.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) F. C. ELLIOT,
Chief Drainage Engineer."

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 10, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees met to consider the sale of certain land ordered advertised June 2, 1923, in Townships 37 and 38 South, Range 30 East, in Highlands County; the same having been advertised as required by law in the "White-way," a newspaper published in the county in which said lands lie.

Mr. N. P. Yantis presented the bid of Mr. W. T. Porter, of Jacksonville, Florida, in which he offered \$15.00 per acre for the following:

NE $\frac{1}{4}$; E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 35, Township 37 South, Range 30 East;
and SE $\frac{1}{4}$; S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 2; E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 11, Township 38 South, Range 30 East; containing 880 acres, more or less.

Terms: One-fourth payable September 10, 1923, when deed is issued; One-fourth September 10, 1924; One-fourth September 10, 1925, and One-fourth September 10, 1926, with Eight per cent interest on deferred payments. Certified check for \$500.00, which accompanied bid to be applied on first payment and if first payment is not made September 10, 1923, the same to be forfeited for non-performance of agreement. Bid of Mr. Porter for Porter-Judy Fruit Company on above terms was accepted and deed ordered issued.

The State Treasurer presented a communication from H. O. Sebring, President of South Shore Farms Company, requesting that the Trustees allow him the use of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, until June 1, 1924, with option to purchase said land during said time at \$100.00 per acre.

The Trustees decided, in view of the fact that said party had cut a considerable drainage ditch along the North side of said land, free of expense to the Trustees, to allow him to use said land free of charge, until June 1, 1924, and should application be made to purchase said land by other parties during this time, to notify Mr. Sebring and he be given prior right of purchase at price placed upon said land by Trustees.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Glenn Terrell, Counsel, Tallahassee, Fla. To expense account trip to Washington June 2nd to 11th, 1923.....	\$ 177.10
Ft. Lauderdale Sentinel, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. To advertising land sale July 2, 1923 (Tax Lands)	13.50
Post Publishing Co., West Palm Beach, Fla. To advertising land sale July 2, 1923 (Tax Lands)	\$30.00
Advertising land sale July 2, 1923 (Submerged Lands)	12.00
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Miami Herald Pub. Co., Miami, Fla. To advertising lands for sale July 2, 1923 (Tax Lands) .	6.75
Tropical News Co., Fort Myers, Fla. To advertising land for sale July 2, 1923 (Tax Land) ..	6.00
Okeechobee News, Okeechobee, Fla. To advertising land sale July 2, 1923 (Tax Lands)	9.00

Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To services during June, 1923.....	4.72
T. J. Appleyard, State Printer, Tallahassee, Fla. To Printing 2,000 Deeds— $\frac{1}{2}$ punched—Bill of June 30th,	21.25
Alvin B. Crow, Tax Col., West Palm Beach, Fla. To 1922 Drainage Tax on lands—Mortgage held by Trustees	1,487.95
Fred E. Fenno, Clerk Circuit Court, West Palm Beach, Fla. Redemption State and Drainage Certificates on lands Mortgaged I. I. Fund....	1,375.41
Fred E. Fenno, Clerk Circuit Court, West Palm Beach, Fla. To redemption Individual Certifi- cates held by F. C. Allen.....	2.80
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Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 12, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met
on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees met to consider the sale of a submerged tract of land in the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 34, Township 42 South, Range 43 East, in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County, Florida, containing 20 acres, more or less. The lands having been advertised as required by law in the Palm Beach Post, a newspaper published in the county in which said lands lie, and this date set to hear objections, bids were opened and Brown Company, of Portland Maine, bid \$500.00 per acre, accompanied by certified check, was received and ordered filed. Written objection to said sale was filed by Jerome E. Wideman, representing A. F.

Huston. A quorum not being present, the further consideration of the matter was deferred.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

RIVERS BUFORD, Attorney General,
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 23, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees having advertised and offered for sale a certain submerged tract of land, lying in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County, Florida, containing 35 acres, more or less, on July 2, 1923, and Mr. M. D. Carmichael, of West Palm Beach, having bid the sum of \$2,500.00 for said tract, said bid being accompanied by certified check for \$1,000.00, and as certain objections were filed by Mr. Jerome E. Wideman, in behalf of his client, A. F. Huston, Mr. Wideman requested that final action be deferred until such time as the Trustees could allow him to appear before them in behalf of his client, and there being only three members of the Trustees present, final action was deferred. This date having been set for said final action and parties interested having been notified of this meeting, the objections were presented. After due consideration the Trustees were of the opinion that the objections did not constitute a valid or legal objection and the bid of Mr. Carmichael was accepted, and the Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to issue deed to M. D. Carmichael and to send same to the Farmers Bank of West Palm Beach, Florida, with Sight Draft attached

for \$1,500.00, the \$1,000.00 accompanying bid to be applied on purchase price.

Parties objecting to sale gave notice that suit would be instituted to enjoin such sale; whereupon it was ordered that the delivery of said deed be held up thirty days, or pending the outcome of any suit that may be instituted.

Further consideration of the sale of a submerged tract of land in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County, which had been advertised for sale July 12, 1923, and action deferred as a quorum was not present at said meeting, was taken up. Certain objections were filed by the Lake Worth Inlet Commissioners, and Mr. Jerome E. Wideman, attorney for A. F. Huston, who was present stated his client objected to said sale to Brown Company as per their bid of July 12, 1923.

After discussion it was decided that the Trustees would not sell the tract as advertised.

The Lake Worth Inlet Commissioners agreed to re-convey to the Trustees twenty-one and one-half (21.50) acres, more or less, being the Western part of a tract of 47.34 acres formerly conveyed by the Trustees to the said Lake Worth Inlet District, and to take the place of the said 21.50 acres re-conveyed to the Trustees, the Trustees agreed to convey to the Inlet Commissioners, subject to advertisement as required by law, 21.50 acres, more or less, of which approximately 19.50 acres are located adjacent to the Northern boundary of their present tract, and approximately 2 acres along the Eastern boundary of the said tract. The Trustees further agreed to advertise their intention to convey to Brown Company, of Portland, Maine, 21.50 acres, re-conveyed to the Trustees by Lake Worth Inlet District, together with 11 acres, more or less, on the West and North sides of the said tract of 21.50 acres, making a total of 32.50 acres, more or less.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, the Commissioners of the Lake Worth District, and Representatives of Brown Company agreed to all the foregoing; whereupon the Trustees ordered the following Notice inserted in the Palm Beach Post, a newspaper published in Palm Beach County, once a week for five consecutive weeks:

NOTICE.

SALE OF LANDS BY TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 23, 1923.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 11 o'clock A. M., Wednesday, August 29, 1923, for the purpose of considering the sale of submerged lands in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County, Florida:

TRACT 1. That parcel, tract or shallow bank situated in the West Half of Section 34 of Township 42 South, Range 43 East, in Lake Worth, Florida, 21.5 acres of which forms the Western portion of a tract of Lake Worth Inlet District, together with 11 acres, more or less, adjoining on the West and North sides thereof, containing a total of 32.50 acres, more or less, lying on the North side of Lake Worth Inlet District Channel. Exact description to be furnished with deed.

TRACT 2. That parcel, tract or shallow bank situated in the Northwest Quarter of Section 34 of Township 42 South, Range 43 East, in Lake Worth, Florida, adjacent, on the North and East sides, to a tract owned by Lake Worth Inlet District, containing 21.50 acres, more or less, lying on the North side of Lake Worth Inlet District Channel. Exact description to be furnished with deed.

This Notice is published in compliance with Chapter 7304, Laws of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to such sale may have an opportunity to present the same as therein prescribed.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

The following Supplemental Agreement between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and Brown Company was executed by the Trustees and forwarded to Brown Company, Portland, Maine, for execution:

AGREEMENT.

SUPPLEMENTAL Escrow Agreement Entered into on this the 23rd day of July, 1923, between Cary A. Hardee, Governor; Ernest Amos, Comptroller; J. C. Luning, Treasurer; Rivers Buford, Attorney General, and W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture, of and composing the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida, and Brown Company, a corporation existing under the Laws of the State of Maine;

WHEREAS, The parties hereto, on the 7th day of June, 1923, entered into a certain contract for the purchase by Brown Company from the said Trustees of certain lands in said contract described, subject to certain covenants, obligations and agreements to be performed by the said Brown Company; and

WHEREAS, In Section Sixth of said contract, it provides as follows:

"Upon the signing of this Agreement the Trustees shall execute a deed of conveyance of the lands herein specified to be purchased in the form herein provided, in favor of Brown Company, and shall forthwith deposit said deed in escrow, or in trust, with some trustees as depository, mutually agreeable to the parties hereto under written instructions from the Trustees accompanied by a copy of this Agreement, to deliver the said deed to Brown Company upon payment to the Trustees of the full purchase price herein provided to be paid for said lands and upon Brown Company having performed all other obligations provided in this agreement."

THEREFORE, WITNESS, That it is hereby mutually agreed by and between the parties to said contract, that Hon. H. Clay Crawford, Secretary of State of the State of Florida, be, and he is hereby selected, appointed and designated as Trustee and Depository, and that under the terms and provisions of said contract, hereby mutually agree that said deed and copy of contract shall be deposited with the said Hon. H. Clay Crawford, Secretary of State, to be by him delivered to the said Brown Company when the said Brown Company shall have paid the purchase price for said lands and complied with all their obligations, covenants and agreements as set forth in said contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and date first above written.

CARY A. HARDEE, (Seal)
Governor.

ERNEST AMOS, (Seal)
Comptroller.

J. C. LUNING, (Seal)
Treasurer.

RIVERS BUFORD, (Seal)
Attorney General.

W. A. McRAE, (Seal)
Commissioner of Agriculture.
Of and composing the Trustees
of the Internal Improvement
Fund of Florida.

BROWN COMPANY.
By H. J. BROWN.

BENJ. B. SANDERSON.
W. E. PERKINS.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 30, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Chief Clerk Land Department during July, 1923.....	\$250.00
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary during July, 1923	40.33
Edwin Barnes, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Assistant Tax Clerk during July, 1923.....	75.00
The Whiteway Publishing Co., Sebring, Fla. To advertising land for sale July 10, 1923—Highlands County	6.60
D. A. Dixon, Tallahassee, Fla. To printing deeds and stamp pad—Secretary's office.....	9.75
Post Publishing Co., West Palm Beach, Fla. To notice land sales July 10th and 12th, 1923.....	10.00
Glades County Democrat, Moore Haven, Fla. To advertising land sale July 2, 1923.....	12.00
H. & W. B. Drew Company, Jacksonville, Fla. To book case account Counsel's office.....	61.20
Tropical Sun, West Palm Beach, Fla. To subscription for one year—account Tax Clerk.....	2.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Secretary during July, 1923.....	66.66
J. B. Johnson, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Counsel during July, 1923.....	125.00
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Tax Clerk during July, 1923.....	150.00
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	\$808.54

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 2, 1923.

The Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District and Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

A delegation from Moore Haven, consisting of Messrs. Frierson, G. H. Williams, C. L. Williams, Gates and Kurtz appeared before the joint Boards and stated that the farm lands South of the State Levee and North of the Railroad were under water and this condition was caused by the back-up water from Lake Hicpochee, and by the dredging of high points South of and parallel with the State Levee the surplus water would be removed. Four of the above delegation being Supervisors of the Disston Island Sub-Drainage District stated that the Canal along the South side of the Levee would be one of the canals to be constructed in their plan of reclamation and drainage and requested the Drainage Board to do this work and allow the Disston Drainage District to reimburse the Board. The Board not being in a financial condition at present to do this work, the Trustees agreed, as they were holders of a considerable acreage in said locality and said lands would be benefited by such a canal, they would loan to the Disston Island Drainage District the sum of \$5,000.00 at 6% interest to do this work, the said work to be done under the supervision of the Chief Drainage Engineer of the Board. Which proposition was accepted by the Disston Island Drainage District.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 7, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of June 19th, 28th, July 2nd, 7th, 10th, 12th, 23rd, 30th, and August 2nd, 1923, read and approved.

Messrs. F. C. B. LeGro and Simmons having apperaed before the Trustees on May 22nd and made application in behalf of the Biscayne Bay Improvement Company to purchase a strip of submerged land 100 feet wide, lying 50 feet on each side of the center line of Collins Bridge, the Trustees agreed to sell said strip to the Biscayne Bay Improvement Company for the sum of \$1,000.00 cash. It being necessary to give notice of such sale, as required by Section 1062, Revised General Statutes of Florida, and Mr. LeGro having on July 1st requested the same advertised, the Trustees under date of July 2nd, 1923, ordered the land advertised for sale on August 7, 1923. The said strip having been advertised thirty days in the Miami Herald, a newspaper published in the county in which the lands lie, as required by law, and affidavit of publication having been filed with the Trustees and no objections entered, it was agreed to sell said land to the Biscayne Bay Improvement Company for the amount of \$1,000.00, and the Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to issue deed in accordance therewith.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

John W. Williams, Tallahassee, Fla. To inspecting lands in Jefferson County during August.....	\$ 9.76
Leon Electric Supply Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To one fan and plug	16.00
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To services during July, 1923.....	9.54
W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla. To postage Secretary's office.....	10.00
Miami Herald Pub. Company, Miami, Fla. To notice land sale, 5 insertions—Bill of August 8, 1923	10.50
D. A. Dixon Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To stamp, scratch pads and ink well, account Tax Clerk..	2.45
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	\$ 58.25

Financial Statement for the month of July, 1923, was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JULY, 1923.

Balance on hand July 1, 1923....	\$202,645.52	
Check No. 4948, favor of W. O. Berryhill, Tax Collector, Broward Co. returned and canceled..	321.50	
Check No. 4949, favor of R. B. McLendon, Tax Collector, Dade Co., returned and canceled.....	5,565.03	
Check No. 4950, favor R. B. McLendon, Tax Collector, Dade Co., returned and canceled....	175.00	
Interest due June 30, 1923, on Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District 6% Bonds	450.00	
Refund by W. V. Mayfield, Clerk Circuit Court, Jackson County.	.92	
Refund by F. E. Fenno, Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach Co...	344.24	
Interest on Deposits, Quarter ending June 30, 1923.....	1,240.40	
From land sales (\$34,544.41) less 25% to State School Fund (\$8,636.11)	25,908.30	
	<u>\$236,650.91</u>	
Less Disbursements	5,467.69	
Balance August 1, 1923.....		\$231,183.22

RECAPITULATION.

Cash and Cash Items.....	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance in Banks.....	230,183.22	
	<u></u>	\$231,183.22
BALANCES IN BANKS AUGUST 1, 1923.		

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$ 95,458.26
Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	63,023.58

Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	44,410.62
First National Bank, Miami, Fla. . .	1,509.99
First National Bank, West Palm Beach, Fla.	19,990.43
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	3,498.91
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	819.29
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	1,472.14

\$230,183.22

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date	Check	In Favor of	Amount.
1923	No.		
July	2—4951—	J. Stuart Lewis..\$	66.66
July	2—4952—	J. B. Johnson...	125.00
July	2—4953—	Jentye Dedge; ..	40.33
July	2—4954—	C. B. Gwynn....	250.00
July	2—4955—	R. W. Ervin....	150.00
July	2—4956—	J. W. Williams..	64.77
July	2—4957—	Homestead Enterprise	2.00
July	2—4958—	American Eagle, Estero, Fla.	1.50
July	2—4959—	H. & W. B. Drew Co.	3.76
July	2—4960—	A. J. Lewis, Sheriff	3.50
July	2—4961—	B. A. Meginniss..	10.00
July	2—4962—	Post Publishing Co., West Palm Beach	10.00
Jply	2—4963—	Miami Herald Publishing Co....	10.50
July	2—4964—	Edwin Barnes, Jr.	51.00
July	2—4965—	Richard W. Ervin, Jr.....	45.00
July	10—4966—	Glenn Terrell ...	177.10
July	10—4967—	Fort Lauderdale Sentinel	13.50
July	10—4968—	Post Publishing Co., West Palm Beach	42.00

Date	Check No.	In Favor of	Amount.
July 10—1923	4969	Miami Herald Publishing Co. . .	6.75
July 10—1923	4970	Tropical News, Fort Myers, Fla..	6.00
July 10—1923	4971	Okeechobee News	9.00
July 10—1923	4972	Western Union Telegraph Co....	4.72
July 10—1923	4973	T. J. Appleyard.	21.25
July 10—1923	4974	A. B. Crow, Tax Collector	1,487.95
July 10—1923	4975	F. E. Fenno, C. C. C.	1,375.41
July 10—1923	4976	F. E. Fenno, C. C. C.	2.80
July 16—1923	4977	J. P. Moore, Tax Collector	1,487.19
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			\$ 5,467.69

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 20, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees ordered that a survey be made of the Islands and submerged lands in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County, Florida, and the Chief Drainage Engineer for the Board was requested to have this surveying done as soon as possible.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 22, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Judge Kelsy Blanton, of Lakeland, appeared before the Trustees and stated that he wished to purchase a certain shallow bank in Lake Bony, located in Section 20, Township 28 South, Range 24 East, containing approximately 12.50 acres, and requested the same advertised for sale. It was so ordered and the following advertisement was instructed inserted in the Star-Telegram, published at Lakeland, Florida, in the county in which said land lies:

NOTICE.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 22, 1923.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 11 o'clock A. M., Friday, September 28, A. D. 1923, for the purpose of considering the sale of a submerged tract of land, described as follows:

A shallow bank or grassy flat locally known as "BLANTON'S ISLAND," in Lake Bony, near Lakeland, Polk County, Florida, situated in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20 of Township 28 South, Range 24 East, the said bank or flat containing 12.50 acres, more or less. Exact description to be furnished with deed.

This notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida.

Competitive bids for above land will be received at Tallahassee until 11 o'clock A. M., Friday, September 28, 1923.

Certified check for \$100.00 must accompany all bids. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Mr. F. G. McMullen, President of the Ft. Pierce Financing & Construction Company, (a Florida Corporation), made application to purchase right-of-way for a Causeway through the submerged land in Indian River, June 1, 1923; the said Corporation having applied for a permit from the United States Government to build this Causeway, and having obtained permission of the County Commissioners of Saint Lucie County to construct said Causeway, requested the Trustees to issue a deed for the bottom of the river over which the Causeway passes. The Trustees having agreed to issue such deed when the Chief Drainage Engineer secured definite description and location of said Causeway, and said description having been supplied, it was ordered that deed be issued for said submerged lands over which this Causeway passes, for and in consideration of the sum of \$159.00.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 28, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District met in a joint session on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

The matter of the Everglades Experiment Station was discussed and the Chief Drainage Engineer stated that the lands had been drained and the buildings constructed as contemplated in the Act of 1921, and stated that it should now be turned over to the State Board of Education to operate; whereupon Mr. Amos introduced the following joint Resolution of the Trustees and Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, which was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, Chapter 8442, Acts of 1921, provided for the establishment and operation of an Agricultural Experiment Station in the Everglades; and

WHEREAS, The said Chapter provides for certain things to be done by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and by the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District in reference to said Experiment Station, and the said Trustees having donated the lands and the said Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District having, through agreement with the said Trustees, the said Board of Education and the Board of Control, constructed certain ditches, providing the principal part of the drainage system for said lands, and have supervised, directed and constructed the buildings necessary for said Station and the said Station now being substantially ready for beginning the Agricultural Experiment work; and

WHEREAS, The operation and conduct of the said Agricultural Experiment Station is placed by law under the State Board of Education and the Board of Control; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, in joint session, that the tract of land and buildings thereon erected, together with

other work performed, be tendered to the State Board of Education and the Board of Control for conducting the agricultural experimentation work as described in, and as intended by, Chapter 8442, above named.

The matter of the contract between the Trustees and the Florida East Coast Railway Company, for the construction of a draw-bridge over the West Palm Beach Canal, was brought to the attention of the Board and the Chief Drainage Engineer was instructed to take up this matter with the Railroad Company, and the following resolution was adopted in connection therewith:

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, In the construction of the West Palm Beach Canal from Lake Okeechobee to the Atlantic Ocean it became necessary to pass through the property of the Florida East Coast Railway Company, at point known as Mile Post No. 304 plus 303½; and

WHEREAS, Upon the construction of said canal through the said property, it did become necessary to construct a bridge, including a draw for the passage of boats through said Canal; and

WHEREAS, On the 21st day of October, 1914, there was an agreement and contract made and entered into, by and between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida, and the said Florida East Coast Railway Company, whereby it was contracted and agreed that said canal be constructed through the said property of the said Railway Company in consideration that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund would pay one-half of the cost of a draw in the bridge over said canal, the cost of the said draw to be \$48,000.00; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida pay one-half of the cost of such draw in the bridge aforesaid in a sum not to exceed \$24,000.00.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 29, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

The Trustees having given notice of their intention to sell a certain submerged tract of land in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County, Florida, and notice of said sale published for thirty days in the Palm Beach Post, a newspaper published in the county in which said land lies in compliance with Chapter 7304, Laws of Florida, and 11 o'clock A. M., having been set as the hour of sale, and no complaints having been filed as to sale of such lands, the offer of Brown Company, of Portland, Maine, of \$500.00 per acre, for the following described land was accepted:

That parcel, tract or shallow bank situated in the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 34, Township 42 South, Range 43 East, in Lake Worth, 21.5 acres of which the Western portion of a tract of Lake Worth Inlet District, which, together with 11 acres, more or less, adjoining on the West and North sides thereof, less the North Westerly triangle which is substantially 800 feet North and South by 500 feet East and West, contains approximately 27.50 acres.

Deed to be issued when a correct survey has been made by the Chief Drainage Engineer.

It is also ordered that a deed be issued to the Lake Worth Inlet District for an acreage equal to the acreage heretofore agreed to be re-deeded to said Trustees.

Mr. Luning moved that no employee of the Trustees employ any help or persons without first obtaining permission of said Trustees. Motion duly seconded and upon vote adopted.

The following bills were approved and the Treasurer requested to issue checks in payment of same:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Clerk Land Department during August, 1923.....	\$250.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Secretary during August, 1923.....	66.66
J. B. Johnson, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Counsel during August, 1923.....	125.00
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Tax Clerk during August, 1923.....	150.00
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Stenographer during August, 1923.....	40.33
Edwin Barnes, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla. To Assistant to Tax Clerk during August, 1923.....	75.00
R. W. Ervin, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Assistant to Tax Clerk during August, 1923—24 days at \$3.00	72.00
Post Publishing Company, West Palm Beach, Fla. To advertising land sale August 29, 1923—5 issues	15.00
W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla. To postage account Land Department	7.00
H. H. Bohler, Tallahassee, Fla. To painting sign on door of Secretary—Bill August 15, 1923....	4.65
Fort Myers Press, Fort Myers, Fla. To subscription one year, Fort Myers Press, account Tax Clerk	6.50
D. A. Dixon Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To 1 pencil sharpener office of Secretary—Bill of August 27, 1923	2.00
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	\$814.14

The Trustees having on June 8th, 1923, appointed the Lewis State Bank of Tallahassee, to hold, as trustee, in escrow, a certain deed issued to Brown Company, and having rescinded such action, the agreement with the Lewis State Bank was destroyed.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 31, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Gwynn, Land Clerk, reported that a number of instalment purchasers of lands had become delinquent in their payments and in many cases had allowed the land on which the Trustees held mortgage to be sold for State, County and Drainage taxes,

WHEREUPON, It was ordered that the Special Counsel of the Trustees institute foreclosure proceedings against the following purchasers who had failed to met their payments, to-wit:

Deed No. 16705 dated November 2, 1918—
Clarence McConnell, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and Lot A in NW $\frac{1}{4}$
Section 31, Township 38 South, Range 34 East;

Deed No. 16742 dated March 1, 1919—Hugh G.
Durrance, S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 28, Township 38 South,
Range 34 East;

Deed No. 16741 dated March 1, 1919—A. L.
Durrance, N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 28, Township 38 South,
Range 34 East;

Deed No. 16647 dated October 1, 1918—L. H.
Ingram, S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 21, Township 38 South,
Range 34 East;

Deed No. 16770 dated June 26, 1919—J. H.
Whidden, N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$; SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$; N $\frac{1}{2}$ of
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$; NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$
of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7, Township 40 South, Range
33 East;

Deed No. 16713 dated November 11, 1918—T.
R. McConnell, Lot A in NE $\frac{1}{4}$; Lots B and C of
Section 6, Township 40 South, Range 33 East;

Deed No. 16739 dated February 25, 1919—
Robert Hollingsworth, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, Town-
ship 40 South, Range 33 East;

Deed No. 16679 dated October 10, 1918—F. P. Morgan, Lots A and B in S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 29, Town 39 South, Range 33 East;

Deed No. 16730 dated January 20, 1919—E. N. Brown, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 27, Township 39 South, Range 33 East;

Deed No. 16761 dated May 24, 1919—Henry Oscar Snow, S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 22, Township 39 South, Range 33 East;

Deed No. 16688 dated October 17, 1918—A. J. Knight, Lots A and B in N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 15, Township 39 South, Range 33 East;

Deed No. 16678 dated October 10, 1918—M. B. Knight, N $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, Township 39 South, Range 33 East;

Deed No. 16697 dated October 23, 1918—A. P. Hollingsworth, N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, Township 39 South, Range 33 East;

Deed No. 16694 dated October 23, 1918—J. N. Hollingsworth, S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 12, Township 39 South, Range 33 East;

Deed No. 16695 dated October 23, 1918—B. W. Hollingsworth, N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 12, Township 39 South, Range 33 East;

Deed No. 16694 dated October 23, 1918—J. L. Hollingsworth, S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 33 East;

Deed No. 16680 dated October 14, 1918—John D. Clark, Lot A in NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, Township 40 South, Range 32 East.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, September 18, 1923

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present :

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
 Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

The Trustees having advertised and offered for sale a certain submerged tract of land in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County, on July 2nd, 1923, and on said date Mr. M. D. Carmichael, bid \$2,500.00 for same, and said bid was filed and the matter deferred for a full meeting of the Trustees as only three members of said Board of Trustees were present. The matter was again considered on July 23rd, 1923, all members being present, and the bid of Mr. M. D. Carmichael of \$2,500.00 was accepted.

Messrs. Frank and Jerome Wideman filed with the Trustees on behalf of one A. F. Huston, objections to said sale, and gave notice that suit to enjoin such sale would be filed, whereupon the Trustees ordered that deed of conveyance be not issued for 30 days pending such action. Now, the Trustees being advised of suit being filed to enjoin such sale, and deeming it to the best interest of the State, it is therefore, upon motion duly made and carried, ordered that said lands be and the same are hereby withdrawn from such sale, and Special Counsel for Trustees is directed to file in said suit Supplemental answer to that effect, and advise the Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture not to issue deed for same and to return to Mr. M. D. Carmichael, of West Palm Beach, Fla., certified check for \$1,000.00 which accompanied his bid.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. To \$25,000 payment on note of \$50,000 dated June 7, 1923, for Drainage Board and 3 months interest at 6%—\$750.00.....	\$25,750.00
South Hastings Drainage District, Drainage Tax on lands of Trustees.....	65.05
Edwin Barnes, Jr., To salary as Clerk Tax Department	51.00
R. W. Ervin, Jr., To salary as Clerk Tax Department	30.00

Peace Creek Drainage District, To Drainage Tax on lands of Trustees.....	864.80
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	\$26,760.85

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, September 28, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met
at 11:30 A. M., on this date in the office of the Governor.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

The Trustees having on August 22nd, 1923, ordered
advertised for sale a shallow bank known as "Blanton's
Island" in Lake Bony, situated in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section
20, Township 28 South, Range 24 East, in Polk County,
containing 12.5 acres, more or less, and the same having
been advertised as required by law in the Lakeland Star-
Telegram, a newspaper published in the county in which
said land lies, and affidavit of such publication having
been filed with the Trustees, and this date set for sale,
and no objections to said sale having been made, bids
were ordered opened.

Mr. Edward Spencer, Jr., bid the sum of \$92.00 per acre	\$1,150.00
Mr. Truman M. Tillis bid the sum of \$20.00 per acre	250.00
Mr. L. C. Morrow bid the sum of	326.00
Mr. Kelsey Blanton and D. H. Sloan bid the sum of	1,250.00

A quorum not being present the Trustees recessed to
meet at 4:00 o'clock P. M.

Present at 4:00 P. M.:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Bids were further considered and bid of Blanton and Sloan was accepted and Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to issue deed for same and to apply \$100.00 check which accompanied Blanton's and Sloan's bid on the purchase price and forward deed to State Bank of Lakeland with sight draft attached for balance. The Secretary was instructed to return certified checks to the unsuccessful bidders.

It was decided by the Trustees to make the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District a temporary loan of \$5,000.00 to meet certain bills now due by said Board, the same to be paid from the first funds available of said Board. The following letter from Honorable W. A. McRae, who had made a trip to the Everglades, was read:

Hon. Trustees of the I. I. Fund,
Tallahassee, Fla.

Gentlemen:

I am just back from a trip to West Palm Beach and while there I saw a number of persons who are land owners in the Everglades and others who reside in the glades and I wish to say that gloom seems to be on every hand and among men who have heretofore stood by the Board loyally, and who in the face of everything were optimistic.

One great trouble is a rainy year, 1923, following an abnormal rainy year, the year 1922 having in the Everglades area, the heaviest rain fall in the history of the State. Another great trouble is that our canals are not big enough and are not deep enough to carry the water off the territory through which they pass, and the Hillsboro Canal, which ought to be the second most important canal in the whole system is incomplete and is discharging but a small amount of water.

The Southwestern area is in a deplorable condition and something should be started, which, in some reasonable time, would afford relief for the area from Moore Haven to the South and West.

The securing of money for some of this work will be an important matter. But the Internal Improvement Board can lend both money and credit to the Drainage Board and work can be started and confidence restored. Removing the dredge from the Southeast Shore of Lake Okechobee has caused an overflow to the community of Chosen and much damage has been done to that community, to a number of bona fide settlers and some of these settlers have been forced to move out and others may have to go.

In conclusion, I want to say that conditions warrant the very best effort that the Board can put forth and further delays will be fraught with grave results to the Internal Improvement Board and all others concerned.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) W. A. McRAE,

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Commissioner.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Atlantic National Bank—93 days' interest on loan of \$120,000.00 to Drainage Board.....	\$1,860.00
Board Commissioners Everglades Drainage District, temporary loan	3,140.00
Lakeland Star-Telegram, Lakeland, Fla. To advertisement of land for sale September 28, 1923, Polk Co.	9.00
Samuel D. Jordan, Clerk Circuit Court, DeLand, Fla. Recording Deed September 15, 1923....	1.25
T. J. Appleyard, Tallahassee, Fla. Binding in Leather 25 Reports.....	\$58.25
600 Land Reports.....	4.50
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	62.75
Edward R. Williams, Clerk U. S. Court, Jacksonville, Fla. To deposit cost of Defendant, Houstin vs. Hardee	5.00

D. A. Dixon, Tallahassee, Fla. To scratch pads	\$2.00
To 200 Folders, Tax Clerk.....	3.00
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	520
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Service for August, 1923	2.22
Geo. D. Barnard Stationery Co., St. Louis, Mo. 5,000 Letter Heads	47.15
Homestead Enterprise, Homestead, Fla. 1 year's subscription	2.00
Frank A. Bryan, Clerk Circuit Court, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Recording Mortgage Deed.....	4.24
C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary for September, 1923	250.00
J. B. Johnson, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Counsel during September, 1923.....	125.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Secretary during September, 1923.....	66.66
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Tax Clerk during September, 1923.....	150.00
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary during September, 1923	40.33
Mrs. J. A. Grant, Stenographer, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary for September, 1923—6 days at \$100 per month	20.00
W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla. Postage stamps	5.00
Fenton Blitch, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary for September—19 days at \$3.00 per day—Assistant to Tax Clerk.....	57.00
Fred E. Fenno, Clerk Circuit Court, West Palm Beach, Fla. Redemption Drainage Tax Certificates 786 to 792, inclusive, July 2, 1923—State Lands	871.19
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	\$6,724.48

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, September 29, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

It was decided to advertise three Islands located in Section 8, Township 15 South, Range 33 East, Volusia County, containing 2.9 acres, more or less. The following advertisement was ordered inserted in the Daily News, of Daytona, Florida, a newspaper published in the county in which said lands lie: Messrs. Smock and Bailey, of Daytona Beach, agreed to bid not less than \$5,000 for the three islands on date of sale:

NOTICE.

Tallahassee, Florida, September 29, 1923.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 11 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, November 6th, A. D. 1923, for the purpose of considering the sale of submerged tracts of land, described as follows:

ISLANDS in Halifax River in Section 8, Township 15, South, Range 33 East, located as follows:

Island A—Is located approximately 1700 ft. from Daytona shore of the Halifax River and 600 ft. Northerly at right angles from the concrete bridge connecting Daytona and Daytona Beach, and containing, together with surrounding shoals, 1.4 acres, more or less.

Island No. 1—Is situated approximately 2600 ft. East of the Daytona Shore of the Halifax River and 500 ft. Southerly from the concrete bridge connecting Daytona and Daytona Beach, and containing, including surrounding shoals, 1.0 acres, more or less.

Island No. 2—Is located approximately 1350 ft. East of the Daytona Shore of the Halifax River

and 700 ft. Southerly from concrete bridge connecting Daytona and Daytona Beach, containing, including surrounding shoals, 0.5 acres, more or less.

This notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida.

Competitive bids for above land will be received at Tallahassee until 11 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, November 6, 1923.

Thes right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Financial Statement for the month of August was presented and ordered placed of record.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1923.

Balance on hand August 1, 1923..	\$231,183.22	
Refund by Biscayne Bay Improvement Co.	10.50	
Refund by B. C. Davis account taxes paid by Trustees on SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ —1-44-35	172.96	
From land sales (\$30,015.76) less 25% to State School Fund (\$7,503.94)	22,511.82	
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	\$253,878.50	
Less Disbursements	866.79	
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Balance September 1, 1923.....		\$253,011.71

RECAPITULATION.

Cash and Cash Items.....	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance in Banks.....	252,011.71	
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		\$253,011.71

BALANCE IN BANKS SEPTEMBER 1, 1923.

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$117,970.08
Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	62,156.79
Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	44,410.62
First National Bank, Miami, Fla....	1,509.99
First National Bank, West Palm Beach, Fla.	19,990.43
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	3,682.37
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	819.29
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	1,472.14
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	\$252,011.71

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date	Check No.	In Favor of	Amount.
1923			
Aug. 1—	4978—	C. B. Gwynn....\$	250.00
Aug. 1—	4979—	Jentye Dedge	40.33
Aug. 1—	4980—	Edwin Barnes, Jr.	75.00
Aug. 1—	4981—	The White Publishing Co.	6.60
Aug. 1—	4982—	D. A. Dixon.....	9.75
Aug. 1—	4983—	Post Publishing Co. West Palm Beach.	10.00
Aug. 1—	4984—	Glades County Democrat	12.00
Aug. 1—	4985—	H. & W. B. Drew Co.	61.20
Aug. 1—	4986—	Tropical Sun, West Palm Beach.....	2.00
Aug. 1—	4987—	J. Stuart Lewis...	66.66
Aug. 1—	4988—	J. B. Johnson....	125.00
Aug. 1—	4989—	R. W. Ervin.....	150.00
Aug. 8—	4990—	J. W. Williams...	9.76
Aug. 8—	4991—	Leon Electric Supply Co.	16.00
Aug. 8—	4992—	Western Union Telegraph Co.	9.54

Date	Check	In Favor of	Amount.
1923	No.		
Aug. 8—4993—	W. H. May, Post-		
	master		10.00
Aug. 8—4994—	Miami Herald Pub-		
	lishing Co.		10.50
Aug. 8—4995—	D. A. Dixon Co...		2.45
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		\$	866.79

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

J. C. LUNING, Treasurer,
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 10, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

Minutes of August 7th, 20th, 22nd, 28th, 29, 31st, September 18th, 28th and 29th read and approved.

Mr. F. W. Greenwood appeared before the Trustees and stated that his company owned a strip of land lying between Lake Worth and the Atlantic Ocean and as there were numerous flats along the shore line in Lake Worth, which, in his opinion, his company held equity in, and therefore desired to purchase from the Trustees all the submerged lands adjacent to their holdings and would be willing to pay \$20.00 per acre for same. Terms to be one-third cash and the balance in two equal payments in one and two years, with interest at 8 per cent on deferred payments. After due consideration of the mat-

ter the Trustees agreed to sell the land, and it was ordered that the same be advertised as required by law in a newspaper in the county in which said lands lie.

The Trustees, upon request of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, agreed to loan said District the sum of \$5,000.00 to be paid from the first available funds.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Board Commissioners Everglades Drainage District. To temporary loan.....	\$5,000.00
Ben Sheppard, Clerk Circuit Court, Miami, Fla. To cost in case Horton vs. Hardee, et al., Bill of Oct. 5, 1923	24.24
Frank A. Bryan, Clerk Circuit Court, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Recording Agreement No. 22848—Trustees vs. C. E. Chambers—Bill of October 1, 1923	1.45
J. B. Johnson, Counsel, Tallahassee, Fla. To expenses trip to Wauchula, Re: Busch case.....	48.21
T. J. Appleyard, Tallahassee, Fla. To Affidavits Land Department	6.75
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. services during September, 1923.....	14.82
D. A. Dixon, Tallahassee, Fla. To supplies Secretary's and Tax Clerk	16.00
W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla. To 250 2c stamps account Tax Clerk.....	5.00
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	\$ 116.47

Financial Statement for the month of September, 1923, was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER, 1923.

Balance on hand Sept. 1, 1923....	\$253,011.71
Refund by Everglades Drainage Commissioners account temporary loan made by Trustees I. I. Fund	25,750.00
Sales of Minutes.....	6.00

From land sales (\$10,832.69) less	
25% State School Fund	
(\$2,708.16)	8,124.53
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	\$286,892.24
Less Disbursements	32,574.99
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Balance October 1, 1923.....	\$254,317.25

RECAPITULATION.

Cash and Cash Items.....	\$ 1,000.00
Balance in Banks.....	253,317.25

BALANCE IN BANKS OCTOBER 1, 1923.

Atlantic National Bank, Jackson-	
ville, Fla.	\$ 89,216.49
Barnett National Bank, Jackson-	
ville, Fla.	62,156.79
Florida National Bank, Jackson-	
ville, Fla.	74,463.75
First National Bank, Miami, Fla.	1,509.99
First National Bank, West Palm	
Beach, Fla.	19,990.43
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee,	
Fla.	3,688.37
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	819.29
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee,	
Fla.	1,472.14
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	\$253,317.25

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date	Check		
1923	No.	In Favor of	Amount.
Sept.	1—4996—	C. B. Gwynn....	\$ 250.00
Sept.	1—4997—	J. Stuart Lewis..	66.66
Sept.	1—4998—	J. B. Johnson...	125.00
Sept.	1—4999—	R. W. Ervin....	150.00
Sept.	1—5000—	Jentye Dedge ..	40.33
Sept.	1—5001—	Edwin Barnes,	
		Jr.	75.00

Date	Check	In Favor of	Amount.
1923	No.		
Sept. 1	5002	R. W. Ervin, Jr.	72.00
Sept. 1	5003	Post Publishing Company	15.00
Sept. 1	5004	W. H. May, Postmaster	7.00
Sept. 1	5005	H. H. Bohler....	4.65
Sept. 1	5006	Ft. Myers Press.	6.50
Sept. 1	5007	D. A. Dixon Co.	2.00
Sept. 4	5008	Capital City Bank, account payment made for Board Commrs. Ev. Dr. Dist. (Temporary Loan)	25,750.00
Sept. 20	5009	South Hastings Drainage District (Taxes for 1919-1920-21-22	65.05
Sept. 20	5010	Edwin Barnes, Jr.	51.00
Sept. 20	5011	R. W. Ervin, Jr.	30.00
Sept. 21	5012	Peace Creek Dr. Dist. (Taxes 1915 to 1922 inclu.) ...	864.80
Sept. 29	5013	Atl. Nat. Bank, Jacksonville, (Int. for acct. Ev. Dr. Commrs. Loan) ..	1,860.00
Sept. 29	5014	Board Commrs. Everglades Drainage District (Acct. Temporary Loan)	3,140.00
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			\$ 32,574.99

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 22, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Treasurer in the Capitol.

Present:

J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

J. C. Luning, State Treasurer, Redemption Drain- age Tax Certificate 2116, Sale October 2, 1916.	\$ 102.40
Ben Sheppard, C. C. C., Dade County, Recording Two Mortgages	3.20
Frank A. Bryan, Clerk Ct. Ct. Broward County, Recording Three Mortgages.....	4.90
Fred E. Fenno, Clerk Ct. Ct., Palm Beach County, Recording 16 deeds.....	26.35
D. A. Dixon, Tallahassee, Fla. Office Supplies..	3.25
Mrs. J. A. Grant, Services as Stenographer to Tax Clerk, 15 days at \$100.00 per month.....	50.00
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	\$ 190.10

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

J. C. LUNING, Treasurer,
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 29, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Board of County Commissioners Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach, Fla. Settlement account with Trustees Palm Beach County as per contract July 10, 1918.....	\$13,306.90
C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Chief Clerk Land Department during October, 1923	250.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Secretary during October, 1923.....	66.66
J. B. Johnson, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Counsel during October, 1923.....	\$125.00
Expense Account	62.59
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	187.59
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Tax Clerk during October, 1923.....	150.00
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary during October, 1923	40.33
Fenton Blitch, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary for Clerical work assisting Tax Clerk, Oct., 1923	90.00
Jane D. Law, Tallahassee, Fla. To Clerical work assisting Tax Clerk—10 days at \$3.00 per day	30.00
N. S. Wainwright, Clerk Circuit Court, Moore Haven, Fla. To recording 10 deeds—Land Department	12.50
D. A. Dixon, Tallahassee, Fla. To supplies furnished account Tax Clerk—Bills of Oct. 23 and 27, 1923.....	3.50
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	\$ 830.58

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 31, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. J. B. McDonald, one of the Trustees of the Commissioners of Palm Beach County, appeared before the Trustees of the I. I. Fund and requested that a settlement be made with the Trustees of Palm Beach County as set forth in the agreement of July 10, 1918. The Chief Drainage Engineer presented the following statement:

Total length of Canal—13.086 miles.	
Total cost of canal under provisions of the contract at \$5,000.00 per mile...	\$65,430.00
Amount paid on estimates approved by Chief Drainage Engineer to June 26, 1920	33,772.50
BBalance due and payable upon receipt of funds from County Trustees derived from sale of lands appropriated by Trustees Internal Improvement Fund	31,657.50

The canal having been completed and the balance paid by the County, the Board was requested to reimburse said County. Statement rendered showed the amount paid from sale of lands, as follows:

From sale of lands	\$33,772.50
Cash on hand from sale of lands.....	29,000.00
<hr/> Total	62,772.50
Less 25% to School Fund.....	15,693.10
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	47,079.40
Less amount paid on Estimates.....	33,772.50
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Amt. due Palm Beach Co. Commissioners	\$13,306.90

WHEREUPON, It was ordered that Hon. J. C. Luning, State Treasurer, pay the County Commissioners of Palm Beach County the sum of \$13,306.90 and when the remaining unsold land, set aside for Palm Beach County Road and Canal Construction, is disposed of, or any balance

due on lands sold be received by the Trustees, the said amount, less 25% for School Fund shall be paid direct to Palm Beach County, and the Treasurer is hereby authorized to turn over such funds when received.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 6, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees having advertised that they would offer for sale on this date three islands in the Halifax River, lying in Section 8, Township 15 South, Range 33 East, and said advertisement having appeared in the Daytona Daily News, a newspaper published in the county in which said lands lie and affidavit of such publication being filed with the Trustees, the Trustees proceeded to hear complaints as to the sale of said islands. The City Commissioners of Daytona filed objections to said sale, claiming that the City was desirous of securing them for public use as parks and especially as to island advertised as Island No. 2, as this was in the City limits. After hearing said City Commissioners and the applicants to purchase, Mr. Buford stated that the objections were not sufficient to be considered and moved that the Trustees proceed to sell said islands. Mr. Amos offered a substitute motion that the sale be postponed to Tuesday, December 11, 1923, and let the matter stand in statu quo, which motion was adopted. Messrs. Hardee, Amos and Mayo voting yea; Mr. Buford voting nay.

Financial Statement for the month of October, 1923,
presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR OCTOBER, 1923.

Balance on hand October 1, 1923..	\$254,317.25
Sale of lands under Chapter 9131,	
Acts 1923	2,570.44
Refund by Everglades Drainage	
Commissioners account temporary	
loan by Trustees I. I. Fund.	10,000.00
From land sales (\$15,581.79) less	
25% to State School Fund	
(\$3,895.45)	11,686.34
Interest on Deposits, quarter ending	
Sept. 30.....	1,778.94
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	\$280,352.97
Less Disbursements	20,338.27
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Balance November 1, 1923.....	\$260,014.70

RECAPITULATION.

Cash and Cash Items.....	\$ 1,000.00
Balance in Banks	259,014.70
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	\$260,014.70

BALANCE IN BANKS NOVEMBER 1, 1923.

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$ 82,928.38
Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	62,633.41
Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	96,505.53
First National Bank, Miami, Fla..	1,521.31
First National Bank, West Palm Beach, Fla.	6,832.96
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	3,713.97
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	3,395.87
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	1,483.27
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	\$259,014.70

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date 1923	Check No.	In Favor of	Amount.
Oct. 1—	5015—	Lakeland Star- Telegram	\$ 9.00
Oct. 1—	5016—	S. D. Jordan, Clk. Circuit Court ...	1.25
Oct. 1—	5017—	T. J. Appleyard.	62.75
Oct. 1—	5018—	E. R. Williams, Clk. U. S. Court.	5.00
Oct. 1—	5019—	D. A. Dixon.....	5.20
Oct. 1—	5020—	Western Union Telegraph Co. ...	2.22
Oct. 1—	5021—	Geo. D. Barnard Stationery Co. ...	47.95
Oct. 1—	5022—	Homestead Enter- prise	2.00
Oct. 1—	5023—	F. A. Bryan, Clk. Circuit Court	4.25
Oct. 1—	5024—	C. B. Gwynn....	250.00
Oct. 1—	5025—	J. B. Johnson....	125.00
Oct. 1—	5026—	J. Stuart Lewis..	66.66
Oct. 1—	5027—	R. W. Ervin.....	150.00
Oct. 1—	5028—	Jentye Dedge ...	40.33
Oct. 1—	5029—	Mrs. J. A. Grant.	20.00
Oct. 1—	5030—	W. H. May.....	5.00
Oct. 1—	5031—	Fenton Blich ...	57.00
Oct. 1—	5032—	F. E. Fenno, Clk. Circuit Court ...	871.19
Oct. 10—	5033—	Bd. Commrs. Ev. Dr. Dist. account Temporary Loan.	5,000.00
Oct. 10—	5034—	Ben Sheppard Clk. Ct. Ct.....	24.24
Oct. 10—	5035—	F. A. Bryan, Clk. Ct. Ct.	1.45
Oct. 10—	5036—	J. B. Johnson....	48.21
Oct. 10—	5037—	T. J. Appleyard..	6.75
Oct. 10—	5038—	Western Union Telegraph Co. ...	14.82
Oct. 10—	5039—	D. A. Dixon Co...	16.00
Oct. 10—	5040—	W. H. May, Post- master	5.00

Date 1923	Check No.	In Favor of	Amount.
Oct. 22—5041—	J. C. Luning, State Treasurer ..		102.40
Oct. 22—5042—	Ben Sheppard, Clk. Ct. Ct.		3.20
Oct. 22—5043—	F. A. Bryan, Clk. Ct. Ct.		4.90
Oct. 22—5044—	F. E. Fenno, Clk. Ct. Ct.		26.35
Oct. 22—5045—	D. A. Dixon.....		3.25
Oct. 22—5046—	Mrs. J. A. Grant.		50.00
Oct. 31—5047—	Bd. Commrs. Palm Beach Co.		13,306.90
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			\$ 20,238.27

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 15, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

A committee from parties who had settled on State land in Township 38 South, Range 35 East, appeared before the Trustees and stated that they were desirous of making some definite arrangement for the purchase of said lands, as the Trustees had on March 29, 1920, agreed to give them preference in purchasing said lands when offered for sale. The Trustees stated that a survey of the lands

had been ordered, that some definite information might be had upon which to base a price, and as such survey had not been made, and could not be made until in the Spring of 1924, as the Chief Drainage Engineer advised that the water was too high to make said survey and ascertain an accurate valuation of the lands, the Trustees advised the Committee that as soon as the survey could be made the land would be inspected and a valuation placed upon same and that no sale of said lands would be made without advising the parties who had made improvements thereon and giving them an opportunity to purchase. The Committee consisting of L. W. and B. L. Jennings, W. H. Pancoast and Monroe Lightsey presented two petitions relative to the above.

The Trustees' attention was called to a letter from C. C. Chillingworth, stating that the Commissioners of the Lake Worth Inlet District requested the Trustees to deed the District 19.37 acres, having a front on the Inlet of 750 feet, instead of the tract of 21.5 acres, as agreed upon between Lake Worth Inlet District, Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and Brown Company, July 23, 1923, deeding the 19.37 acres in exchange for the 21.5, and also arrange with Brown Company for such exchange or sale. Brown Company not having expressed their consent to the modification of the Agreement of July 23, 1923, and the Trustees having concluded sales agreement with all parties, decided to stand on said Agreement of July 23, 1923.

The following opinion of J. B. Johnson, Counsel, relative to the rights of the Trustees as to sand in Lake Weir and Lake Eustis, was read and ordered placed of record:

"November 2, 1923.

Trustees Internal Improvement Fund,
Capitol Building,
Tallahassee, Fla.

Gentlemen:

Under date of October 31st I am in receipt of letter from your Secretary as follows:

"I am directed by the Board to request that you render an opinion as to what legal rights

they have to excavated material along the canal banks in the Drainage District Right-of-way which does not belong to said Board.

Under the Act of 1923, they would like information as to their rights to sand and gravel in Lake Weir and Lake Eustis."

As to the right to canal banks: I have rendered a separate opinion which I have placed in the hands of the Secretary.

As to sand and gravel in Lake Wier and Lake Eustis:

Chapter 9315, Acts 1923, provides:

"Section 1. That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida are hereby authorized to sell and dispose of, or enter into contract, for the sale and disposition of Sand and Gravel from any lands, including sovereignty lands, owned or held by the State of Florida on such terms as they may deem advisable, or to execute leases for such purpose except those lands embraced in the Everglades Drainage District.

Section 2. All funds arising from such sales or leases as are enumerated in section one of this act shall be turned over to the State Treasurer and by him converted into the permanent school fund of the State of Florida."

From an examination of the plats and files in the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture of the State of Florida I find that both Lake Wier and Lake Eustis are waters, the bottoms of which, are classed as sovereignty lands; that the land surveys around said lakes followed the meander line of the lakes. This means that the conditions of these lakes as to the State's title to the lands under them, are the same as prevailed at Lake Jackson, and as defined by the Supreme Court of Florida in the case of Broward vs. Mabry, 58 Fla. 398.

I do not find where the State has parted from any sovereignty land rights in Lake Weir. Consequently the bottom of this lake as to sand and gravel would come under the provisions of said Chapter 9315, Acts of 1923.

The same condition prevails as to the bottom of Lake Eustis, except,

That by Chapter 7896, Acts of 1919, the riparian rights and submerged lands held by the State in its sovereign capacity lying in that portion of Lake Eustis within the

corporate limits of the town of Eustis was granted to said town. The State still owns that outside of the corporate limits of Eustis.

We find the corporate limits of the town of Eustis to be:

W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	Sec. 1
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of S $\frac{1}{4}$	Sec. 2
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of E $\frac{1}{2}$	Sec. 10
All	Sec. 11
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$	Sec. 12
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	Sec. 13
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of	Sec. 14

See Chapter 6683 Special Acts 1913.

But this same act further provided that the West line of the Town of Eustis shall extend across the waters of Lake Eustis from the Southwest corner of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 10 to the Northwest corner of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 2. All this in Tp. 19 S., R. 26 East.

As I presume this inquiry is for ascertaining the Trustees' rights as to sand and gravel being taken from these lakes it will be necessary to definitely locate, in the two lakes, by proper survey, just where the sand, or sand and gravel is being taken.

It may be that the sands being taken from Lake Eustis is within the corporate limits of the Town.

Yours very truly,

J. B. JOHNSON,
Counsel.'

Mr. Luning moved that the Trustees send a man to investigate removal of sand in Lake Weir, Lake Eustis and such other places as this material, was being removed. Motion adopted and the Governor was requested to designate the party to make such investigation.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 16, 1923

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.

J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees having on October 10, 1923, agreed to sell to the Lake Worth Realty Company of Colorado Springs, Colorado, of which company W. F. Greenwood is President, the following described lands in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County:

That parcel, tract or shallow bank in Lake Worth in Sections 22 and 15, Township 42 South, Range 43 East, and further described as follows:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of Section 22, Township 42 South, Range 43 East, as established by William J. Reyes, Deputy United States Surveyor, in October, 1858, and recorded on the United States Government plat approved November 7, 1859, which corner is also the meander corner on the shore of Lake Worth.

Thence following the meander of the shore of Lake Worth by the traverse as shown and recorded on the above mentioned plat

North 18° West 990 ft.

Thence North 5° East 2310 ft.

Thence North 14° West 2112 ft. to the Section line between Sections 22 and 15.

Thence West along said Section line 930 ft.

Thence South $20^{\circ} 30'$ East 630 ft.

Thence South 1450 ft.

Thence South $39^{\circ} 30'$ West 2900 ft.

Thence South 1014 ft.

Thence East 3169 ft. to the point of beginning, containing 221.59 acres, more or less, in Section 22.

And in Section 15,

Beginning at the meander corner on the shore

of Lake Worth on the section line between sections 15 and 22 as shown by the above described plat,

Thence following the meander line

North 15° West 1980 ft.

Thence North 13° West 1287 ft.

Thence North 19° West 400 ft.

Thence West 1875 ft.

Thence South 94 ft.

Thence South $48^{\circ} 30'$ East 1000 ft.

Thence South 60° East 900 ft.

Thence South 1400 ft.

Thence South $20^{\circ} 30'$ East 1000 ft to the section line.

Thence East along the section line 930 ft. to the point of beginning, containing 87.52 acres, more or less, in Section 15.

The two parcels containing a total of 309.11 acres, more or less.

And such intention to sell said lands on this date having been advertised in the Palm Beach Post, a newspaper published in the county in which the lands lie, as required by Chapter 7304, Laws of Florida, that any person, or persons, who may have objection to said sale, may present the same, and no objections having been filed, nor any objectors present, the sale of said lands above described was made to the Lake Worth Realty Company, and the Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to issue deed therefor. The terms of sale to be \$20.00 per acre; one-third cash and the balance in two equal payments in One and Two years, with interest at 8 per cent on deferred payments.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 27, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of October 10th, 22nd, 29th, 31st, November 6th, 15th and 16th, 1923, read and approved.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

W. O. Berryhill, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. To taxes on lands of Trustees in Broward County.....	\$48,419.26
R. B. McLendon, T. C., Miami, Fla. To taxes on lands of Trustees in Dade County.....	27,174.18
Paul Moore, T. C., Moore Haven, Fla. To taxes on lands of Trustees in Glades County.....	2,183.02
W. P. Andrews, T. C., LaBelle, Fla. To taxes on lands of Trustees in Hendry County.....	7,982.12
R. H. Alderman, T. C., Okeechobee, Fla. To taxes on lands of Trustees in Okeechobee County	2,084.03
Frank M. Tyler, T. C., Ft. Pierce, Fla. To taxes on lands of Trustees in Saint Lucie County	45.86
A. B. Crow, T. C., West Palm Beach, Fla. To taxes on lands of Trustees in Palm Beach County	48,714.57
A. B. Crow, T. C., West Palm Beach, Fla. To taxes on lands of Trustees in Palm Beach County	50,000.00
C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Clerk Land Dept. during November, 1923...	250.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Secretary during November, 1923.....	66.66
J. B. Johnson, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Counsel during November, 1923.....	125.00

Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary during November, 1923.....	40.33
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Tax Clerk during November, 1923.....	150.00
Fenton Blitch, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Assistant to Tax Clerk during November, 1923	90.00
Mrs. Jane D. Law, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Stenographer to Tax Clerk during November, 1923	90.00
D. A. Dixon Company, Tallahassee, Fla. To printing land sale slips—account Tax Clerk.	4.50
Post Publishing Company, West Palm Beach, Fla. To advertising land sale Nov. 16, 1923—5 issues	15.00
J. F. Garner, Clerk Ct. Ct., Ft. Myers, Fla. To recording 3 instruments	3.80
C. F. Saunders, Clerk Ct. Ct., Sebring, Fla. To recording instrument No. 4499.....	1.30
Board Commissioners Everglades Drainage District, reimbursement cost of surveying State lands, Sept. 25, 1923.....	1,953.73
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To services during October, 1923.....	3.81
T. J. Appleyard, Tallahassee, Fla. To office expense	10.85
D. A. Dixon Company, Tallahassee, Fla. To office supplies Secretary and Tax Collector..	8.10
Glenn Terrell, Tallahassee, Fla. To expense accounts while Counsel for Trustees.....	111.65
G. McLean, expenses of trip to Pinellas County, inspecting State land.....	10.65
John W. Williams, Tallahassee, Fla. To expense account inspecting State lands from Nov. 26th to 28th, 1923.....	18.99
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	\$189,557.41

It was ordered that the bill as above to the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District in the sum of \$1,953.73 be paid by crediting the amount of same on a Note due by the said Drainage Board to the Trustees, and Mr. Luning was directed to see that such credit was duly made.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 11, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees met to further consider the sale of three small islands in the Halifax River near Daytona, the same having been advertised by order of the Trustees under date of September 29, 1923, for sale on November 6, 1923, at which time action was deferred to this date. Messrs. Bailey and Smock bid \$5,000 and representatives of Daytona and Daytona Beach bid \$5,000 for the said islands. After discussion the bid of Daytona and Daytona Beach was accepted and deeds ordered issued, to the two islands in the incorporated limits of Daytona Beach, to the City of Daytona Beach, and to the island in the incorporated limits of Daytona, to the City of Daytona, upon the furnishing of an exact description of said islands by the Chief Drainage Engineer. Deeds to contain restriction of the use of said islands for Municipal and public purposes only.

Mr. R. G. Johnson requested the advertisement of certain lands in Palm Beach County and the following advertisement was ordered published in the Palm Beach Post:

NOTICE.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 11, 1923.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will

hold a meeting at 11 o'clock A. M., Thursday, January 17th, 1924, for the purpose of considering the sale of the following described lands in Palm Beach County:

"That parcel, tract or shallow bank along the East shore of Lake Worth, extending from the North boundary of Section 27 in Township 42 South, Range 43 East, Southward one-fourth of a mile.

Thence Westerly and Southwesterly following approximately the countour of minus 3 feet and generally parallel with the adjacent channel for a distance of approximately 3,000 feet.

Thence Northerly following the Western edge of the shallow bank or flat to the South boundary of said Section 27;

Thence East along the South boundary of said Section 27 to the point of beginning first above described, containing approximately 80 acres, exact description to be furnished with deed.

This notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida.

Bids for above land will be received at Tallahassee until 11 o'clock A. M., Thursday, January 17, 1924. Check for \$500.00 must accompany all bids.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Daytona Gazette-News, Daytona, Fla. To advertising sale of submerged lands, November 6, 1923..	15.00
W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla. To postage stamps furnished	5.00
D. A. Dixon Company, Tallahassee, Fla. To office supplies furnished	2.00
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	\$ 28.15

Financial Statement for the month of November, 1923, was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR NOVEMBER, 1923.

Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1923....	\$260,014.70	
Sale of lands under Chapter 9131,		
Acts of 1923.....	61.76	
Sale of lands under Chapter 9131,		
Acts of 1923.....	469.95	
From N. W. Josey and C. J.		
Grover, reimbursement on acct.		
of taxes paid on lands in Palm		
Beach County	264.89	
From land sales (\$12,112.61) less		
25% to State School Fund		
(\$3,028.15)	9,084.46	
	<u>\$269,895.76</u>	
Less Disbursements	197,590.13	
Balance December 1, 1923.....		\$ 72,305.63

RECAPITULATION.

Cash and Cash Items.....	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance in Banks.....	71,305.63	
	<u></u>	\$ 72,305.63

BALANCE IN BANKS DECEMBER 1, 1923.

Atlantic National Bank, Jackson-		
ville, Fla.	\$ 27,505.77	
Barnett National Bank, Jackson-		
ville, Fla.	1,623.81	
Florida National Bank, Jackson-		
ville, Fla.	29,432.07	
First National Bank, Miami, Fla..	1,521.31	
First National Bank, West Palm		
Beach, Fla.	1,832.96	
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee,		
Fla.	4,040.62	
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla..	3,865.82	
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	1,483.27	
	<u></u>	\$ 71,305.63

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date 1923	Check No.	In Favor of	Amount.
Nov. 1—	5048—	C. B. Gwynn....\$	250.00
Nov. 1—	5049—	J. Stuart Lewis..	66.66
Nov. 1—	5050—	J. B. Johnson...	187.59
Nov. 1—	5051—	R. W. Ervin....	150.00
Nov. 1—	5052—	Jentye Dedge....	40.33
Nov. 1—	5053—	Fenton Blitch...	90.00
Nov. 1—	5054—	Jane D. Law....	30.00
Nov. 1—	5055—	N. S. Wainwright	12.50
Nov. 1—	5056—	D. A. Dixon.....	3.50
Nov. 1—	5057—	Principal State School Fund	5,000.00
Nov. 1—	5058—	Principal State School Fund	4,592.03
Nov. 27—	5059—	W. O. Berryhill, T. C.	48,419.26
Nov. 27—	5060—	R. B. McLendon, T. C.	27,174.18
Nov. 27—	5061—	Paul Moore, T. C.	2,183.02
Nov. 27—	5062—	W. P. Andrews, T. C.	7,982.12
Nov. 27—	5063—	R. H. Alderman, T. C.	2,084.03
Nov. 27—	5064—	Frank M. Taylor, T. C.	45.86
Nov. 27—	5065—	A. B. Crow, T. C.	48,714.57
Nov. 27—	5066—	A. B. Crow, T. C.	50,000.00
Nov. 30—	5067—	W. P. Andrews, T. C.	564.48
			<hr/> \$197,590.13

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 21, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees ordered that a quit-claim deed be issued to the legal representative of William Bradford, deceased, for the unsurveyed part of Section 19, Township 7 South, Range 30 East, containing 129 acres, which land was sold to him in 1876 and erroneously conveyed to him in deed No. 7182 bearing date of November 10, 1875, and described as Lot 1 of said Section, there being no such lot in said Section.

It was also ordered that a check for \$125.00 be sent to A. B. Archibald to reimburse him for expense in having a survey made of Islands "A," "B" and "C" in Sections 24 and 25, Township 31 South, Range 15 East.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:
J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 29, 1923.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

Minutes of Nov. 27th, December 11th and 21st, read and approved.

The matter of the overpayment of interest by the Hull Investment Company on Entries Nos. 16723 and 16724, was brought to the attention of the Trustees and the following Resolution adopted:

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, It was discovered that the Hull Investment Company paid \$24.00 more interest than was due on Entries Nos. 16723 and 16724 for Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Langford, thinking he owed two years interest on balance due of \$400.00 instead of one year; and

WHEREAS, The amount has been paid up in full for said entries and said \$24.00 has been paid to the Treasurer of the Internal Improvement Fund, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the said amount be returned and the Treasurer is hereby requested to issue a check for \$24.00 payable to Hull Investment Company.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary for December, 1923	\$250.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Secretary, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary for December, 1923.....	66.66
J. B. Johnson, Counsel, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary for December, 1923.....	125.00
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary for December, 1923	40.33
R. W. Ervin, Tax Clerk, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary for December, 1923.....	150.00
F. A. Blitch, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary during December, 1923	90.00
Mrs. Jane D. Law, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary for December, 1923—17 days.....	51.00
Richard Ervin, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla. To salary in Tax Dept. during December, 1923—6 days....	21.00
Raymond Burr, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary in Tax Dept. during December, 1923—6 days....	21.00
Ben Sheppard, C. C. C., Miami, Fla. To copies of Bills of Complaint for Counsel.....	6.80
Ben Sheppard, C. C. C., Miami, Fla. To recording Deed No. 50567 to S. D. Fife.....	1.55

A. B. Archibald, reimbursement for surveying islands in Tp. 31 South, Range 15 East.....	125.00
D. A. Dixon Company, Tallahassee, Fla. Office supplies furnished Secretary and Tax Clerk....	9.60
T. J. Appleyard, Tallahassee, Fla. To 2000 letter heads, account Tax Clerk.....	11.50
P. C. Eldred, C. C. C., Ft. Pierce, Fla. To recording Mortgage of G. W. Bingham.....	1.75
Samuel D. Jordan, C. C. C., DeLand, Fla. To recording Mortgages of Nelson & Nelson.....	3.00
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	\$974.19

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

1924 Minutes

Tallahassee, Florida, January 1, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

It was called to the attention of the Trustees that there was an error in the description of the submerged tract of land in Lake Worth, which was ordered advertised under date of December 11, 1923, in Palm Beach County,

for sale on January 17, 1924. The error was corrected and the land ordered re-advertised to be sold on February 11, 1924.

The following contract was entered into between the Trustees and the Florida Gravel Company:

STATE OF FLORIDA.
SAND AND GRAVEL LEASE.

No. 42.

THIS LEASE AND CONTRACT, Made and entered into on this the first day of January, A. D. 1924, between the TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, hereinafter called the LESSOR, and the FLORIDA GRAVEL COMPANY, a corporation under the Laws of the State of Florida, hereinafter called the LESSEE.

WITNESSETH:

That the Lessor, under the provisions and by authority of Chapter 9315, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1923, under the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, and for and in consideration of the sum of Four Cents (4c) per ton for each and every ton of gravel mined, dredged or otherwise taken, and the sum of Two Cents (2c) per ton for each and every ton of sand mined, dredged, or otherwise taken from the territory hereinafter described, said consideration to be paid as hereinafter set forth, do hereby lease and let to the said LESSEE and to its successors and assigns, for a period of Five (5) years from date hereof, the following described bottoms and sovereignty lands, to-wit:

That certain part of the sovereignty lands, or river botom under the waters of the Apalachicola River, extending from the Georgia State Line Southward to the railroad bridge crossing said Apalachicola River at River Junction, Florida.

Together with the right, leave and license to enter into and upon the said River, and within the territory above specified, with the necessary machinery and equipment to mine, dredge or otherwise take from the said River bed, bottom and bars, gravel and sand.

This Lease, license and grant is hereby made upon the following express conditions:

FIRST: That the Lessee, in its operations upon said River, and in taking gravel and sand therefrom, shall not in any manner, retard or interfere with navigation on said River.

SECOND: That the Lessee shall not mine, dredge or take gravel or sand from said River that will endanger the safety of any bridge.

THIRD: That the Lessee will promptly, at the end of each month, account to the LESSOR for each ton of gravel and for each ton of sand taken from the said River bottom, beds or bars, for the month immediately preceding; and will promptly, at the end of each month, pay over to the LESSOR Four Cents per ton for each ton of gravel so taken, and Two Cents per ton for each ton of sand so taken during the month immediately preceding. That in no case shall the time of accounting and payment for the gravel and sand taken in any one month be later than the 10th day of the succeeding month.

FOURTH: That in accountings for gravel and sand so taken, and in payments therefor, the Lessor agrees to take shipping weights where such gravel and sand are weighed for shipping by rail, and where such gravel and sand are transported without previous weighing, or are sold or used locally, then standard weights for such material is to be used.

FIFTH: That the Lessee will take and pay for not less than One Hundred Thousand tons of such gravel and sand each year during the life of this lease; Provided, that should it be made to appear that the Lessee, by reason of conditions over which it had no control, was prevented from taking the minimum of One Hundred Thousand tons in any one year, then such annual minimum will be reduced to not less than Sixty Thousand tons in any one year.

WITNESS FURTHER, That the Lessee for itself and for its successors and assigns, does hereby accept this lease and contract upon the terms and conditions hereinabove specified and set forth, and for itself and its successors and assigns promises and agrees to abide by and live up to the terms and conditions hereof, and to make all accountings and payments promptly as hereinabove specified and provided.

It is further expressly contracted and agreed by the parties hereto that should the Lessee, its successors or assigns, fail to live up to, abide by and observe any of

the terms and conditions hereof, or fail to make accounting of and payment for all gravel and sand so taken as herein provided, that then and in such event, this lease and contract shall cease and determine, and any and all rights of the Lessee or its successors or assigns hereunder, shall become forfeited, and any gravel or sand taken after any such breach, shall be a trespass upon the property of the State of Florida.

THIS LEASE AND CONTRACT executed in duplicate, each party hereto retaining an original.

Executed this the day and year first above written.

TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

By

CARY A. HARDEE,
Governor.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller.

J. C. LUNING,
State Treasurer.

RIVERS BUFORD,
Attorney General.

NATHAN MAYO,
Commissioner of Agriculture.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

FLORIDA GRAVEL COMPANY.

By C. F. MULLEN,
President.

Attest:

Y. L. WATSON,
Secretary.

Financial Statement for the month of December, 1923,
was ordered placed of record:

TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF FLORIDA.

J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1923|

Receipts.

Balance on hand Dec. 1, 1923.....	\$ 72,305.63	
From sale of Minutes.....	13.00	
From Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District— partial payment on note.....	1,953.73	
Amount of Commission due Pierce & Sutton, on account of land sale Trustees' Check No. 5090—transfer of funds from Florida National Bank of Jacksonville to Capital City Bank of Tallahassee.....	17,500.00	
From land sales (\$9,392.19) less 25% to State School Fund (\$2,348.01)	7,044.18	
	<hr/>	\$ 98,856.56
Less Disbursements (itemized be- low)	20,482.52	
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Balance January 1, 1924.....		\$ 78,374.04

RECAPITULATION.

Cash and Cash Items.....	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance in Banks.....	77,374.04	
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BALANCE IN BANKS JANUARY 1, 1924.

Atlantic National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla.	\$ 27,505.77
Barnett National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla.	2,950.96
Florida National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla.	14,706.60
First National Bank, Miami, Fla..	1,521.31

First National Bank, West Palm Beach, Fla.	1,832.96
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	23,507.35
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla..	3,865.82
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	1,483.27
	<hr/> \$ 77,374.04

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date	Check	In Favor of	Amount.
1923	No.		
Dec.	1-5068	C. B. Gwynn....\$	250.00
Dec.	1-5069	J. Stuart Lewis..	66.66
Dec.	1-5070	J. B. Johnson...	125.00
Dec.	1-5071	R. W. Ervin.....	150.00
Dec.	1-5072	Jentye Dedge ...	40.33
Dec.	1-5073	Fenton Blitch...	90.00
Dec.	1-5074	Mrs. Jane D. Law	90.00
Dec.	1-5075	D. A. Dixon & Co.	4.50
Dec.	1-5076	Post Publishing Company	15.00
Dec.	1-5077	J. F. Garner, Clerk	3.80
Dec.	1-5078	C. F. Sanders, Clerk	1.30
Dec.	1-5079	Board of Commrs. Everglades Drainage District	1,953.73
Dec.	1-5080	Western Union Telegraph Co. ...	3.81
Dec.	1-5081	T. J. Appleyard.	10.85
Dec.	1-5082	D. A. Dixon & Co.	8.10
Dec.	1-5083	Glenn Terrell....	111.65
Dec.	1-5084	G. W. McLean...	10.65
Dec.	1-5085	John W. Williams	18.99
Dec.	12-5086	Daytona Gazette-News	15.00
Dec.	12-5087	W. H. May, Postmaster	5.00
Dec.	12-5088	Western Union Telegraph Co. ...	6.15
Dec.	12-5089	D. A. Dixon & Co.	2.00

Date	Check	In Favor of	Amount.
1923	No.		
Dec. 28—	5090—	Capital City Bank transfer of funds from Florida Nat- ional Bank, Jack- sonville	17,500.00
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			\$ 20,482.52

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, January 7, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

Mr. J. L. Billingsley, of Miami, Fla., appeared before the Trustees and stated that he had certain clients who were desirous of purchasing submerged lands owned by the Trustees in Biscayne Bay, adjoining VIRGINIA KEY, lying in Sections 8, 9, 16, 17 and 20 in Township 54 South, Range 42 East, containing approximately 1200 acres.

The Trustees stated that they would consider a minimum bid of \$100,000.00 for same, and would have the land investigate, but if acreage and conditions were such as not to warrant the acceptance of said above amount, they would in no way bind themselves to accept the same.

The following advertisement was ordered placed in the Miami Herald:

NOTICE.

Tallahassee, Florida, January 7, 1924.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 11 o'clock A. M., Friday, February 15, 1924, for the purpose of considering the sale of the following described land in Dade County:

That parcel, tract, or shallow bank in Biscayne Bay, lying on the Northwest side of VIRGINIA KEY in Sections 8, 9, 16, 17 and 20 of Township 54 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, Florida, Containing 1,200 acres, more or less. Exact description to be furnished with deed. Purchaser to pay for survey.

This notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present the same as therein prescribed.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

The following Bills were approved and ordered paid:	
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	
To services during December, 1923.....	\$ 2.14
Hull Investment Co., To interest overpaid by J. M. Langford on Entries 16723 and 16724.....	24.00
Frank A. Bryan, Clerk Circuit Court, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. To recording Mortgage No. 17124	1.65
D. A. Dixon Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To supplies furnished account Secretary's office—Bill of January 2nd, 4th and 5th, 1924.....	13.60
W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla. To deposit on 3,000 stamped envelopes for Secretary's office	10.00
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	\$ 51.39
Board Commissioners Everglades Drainage District, Tallahassee, Fla. To temporary loan..	5,000.00
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	\$5,051.39

Upon motion the Board adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, January 19, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

Dr. D. L. McSwain appeared before the Trustees and stated that he, with others, had made purchase of certain lands on the Northwest shore of Lake Okeechobee, (See Minute of July 7, 1917), for the purpose of farming same and at the time they were satisfied that the land could be cultivated, but on account of continued rains the lands become flooded and have remained so, and as they were not drained and little prospect of them being in a state suitable for cultivation for years, Dr. McSwain requested, for himself and the other purchasers, that the Trustees take the land back and refund the payments made.

After considering the proposition, the Trustees agreed to deed to said purchasers of lands Northwest of Lake Okeechobee, at a price of \$5.00 per acre, an amount of land equal to payments made, provided all taxes due on said lands had been paid.

The following redemption for drainage tax certificates and the sale of lands, title which had vested in the Trustees, having been deposited with the Trustees when it should have been deposited in the Drainage Tax Fund, to-wit:

Redemptions—

1918—\$ 4,717.23	3 per cent interest	\$ 672.21
1919— 12,175.64	3 per cent interest	1,369.76
1920— 2,394.38	3 per cent interest	197.54
1921— 2,558.54	3 per cent interest	134.32
1922— 13,145.19	3 per cent interest	295.77

Land Sales—

Deeds 1 to 645, \$18,398.71	3 per interest	\$ 1,103.92
	53,389.69	\$ 3,773.52
Grand Total		\$ 57,163.21

were ordered transferred to the proper fund, and the State Treasurer was requested to pay the balance of \$27,630.40 in settlement of Note dated April 28, 1921, and the balance of \$22,522.03 in settlement of Note dated May 28, 1921. The balance of \$6,980.78 to be applied on Note dated October 24, 1921, said notes having been issued the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for loans made the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District.

The salary of R. W. Ervin, Tax Clerk, was raised \$200.00 per annum, effective January 1, 1924, and the salary of Jentye Dedge, Stenographer to the Secretary, was made \$1500.00 per annum, effective as of January 1, 1924, and payable, one-third by the Trustees and two-thirds by the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, February 11, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees met to consider the sale of that parcel, tract or shallow bank along the East shore of Lake Worth, lying in Township 42 South, Range 43 East, in Palm Beach County. The same having been advertised, giving notice of such sale as required by law, in the Palm Beach Post, a newspaper published in the county in which said land lies, and affidavit of same having been filed. A protest from Mr. A. F. Huston was read, but as this referred to an advertisement ordered December 11, 1923, and did not cover the present described lands, same was not considered a legal objection to such sale and bids were received.

Messrs. Blackwell, Donnell and McCracken bid for Mr. Bert Hiscock the sum of \$35.00 per acre for said land, and R. G. Johnson bid the sum of \$36.00 per acre for the land. Upon motion the bid of Mr. Johnson was accepted and the Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture requested to issue deed to Mr. Johnson upon payment of one-fourth cash and the balance to be paid in three equal payments in one, two and three years, with 8 per cent interest on deferred payments.

A letter was presented by the Treasurer, transmitting one from Mr. Y. L. Watson, enclosing settlement for sand and gravel taken from Apalachicola River for the month of January, 1924, amounting to \$219.15, which amount was ordered transmitted to the State Treasurer for the State School Fund, and it was further ordered that these funds, when received hereafter, shall be placed to the credit of the State School Fund.

Application by Mr. Homer Vivian for the proxy of the Trustees for the annual meeting of the Pahokee Sub-Drainage District, was read and it was decided not to issue said proxy at this time.

It was ordered that the Trustees loan to the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District the sum of \$5,000.00, same to be repaid from the first available funds of said Drainage Board.

The following bill was approved and ordered paid:

Board Commissioners Everglades Drainage District, Tallahassee, Fla. To temporary loan by Trustees I. I. Fund.....\$5,000.00

Financial Statement for the month of January, 1924, was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JANUARY, 1924.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1924....	\$ 78,374.04
Interest due Dec. 31, 1923 on Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District 6% bonds	450.00
From redemption of Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District Bond No. 2 (matured)	500.00
Refund by R. B. McLendon, Tax Collector, Dade County.....	3,029.40
Refund of taxes paid by Trustees on land in Sec. 23, Tp. 43, R. 35	16.32
Interest on deposits for the quarter ending December 31, 1923.....	1,542.66
From land sales (\$63,267.32) less 25% to State School Fund (\$15,816.83)	47,450.49
	<u>\$131,362.91</u>
Less Disbursements	6,310.55
Balance February 1, 1924.....	\$125,052.36

RECAPITULATION.

Cash and Cash Items.....	\$ 1,000.00
Balance in Banks	124,052.36
	<u>\$125,052.36</u>

BALANCE IN BANKS FEBRUARY 1, 1924.

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$ 31,105.27
Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	3,910.18
Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	46,469.17
First National Bank, Miami, Fla. . .	1,532.71
First National Bank, West Palm Beach, Fla.	1,914.84
Capital City, Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	24,493.97
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. .	3,891.20
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. .	10,735.02

\$124,052.36

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date 1924	Check No.	In Favor of	Amount.
Jan. 1—	5091—	C. B. Gwynn.....	\$ 250.00
Jan. 1—	5092—	J. Stuart Lewis....	66.66
Jan. 1—	5093—	J. B. Johnson....	125.00
Jan. 1—	5094—	Jentye Dedge	40.33
Jan. 1—	5095—	R. W. Erwin.....	150.00
Jan. 1—	5096—	F. A. Blitch.....	90.00
Jan. 1—	5097—	Mrs. Jane D. Law.	51.00
Jan. 1—	5098—	Richard Ervin, Jr.	21.00
Jan. 1—	5099—	Raymond Burr...	21.00
Jan. 1—	5100—	Ben Sheppard, Clerk Ct. Ct.....	6.80
Jan. 1—	5101—	Ben Sheppard, Clerk Ct. Ct.....	1.55
Jan. 1—	5102—	A. B. Archibald...	125.00
Jan. 1—	5103—	D. A. Dixon Co....	9.60
Jan. 1—	5104—	T. J. Appleyard..	-11.50
Jan. 1—	5105—	P. C. Eldred, Clerk Circuit Court	1.75
Jan. 1—	5106—	S. D. Jordan, Clerk Circuit Court	3.00
Jan. 1—	5107—	Western Union Telegraph Co.	2.14

Date 1924	Check No.	In Favor of	Amount
Jan. 1—	5108—	Hill Investment Co.	24.00
Jan. 1—	5109—	F. A. Bryan, Clerk Circuit Court	1.65
Jan. 1—	5110—	D. A. Dixon Co...	13.60
Jan. 1—	5111—	W. H. May, Post- master	10.00
Jan. 1—	5112—	Board Commission- ers Everglades Dr. District (Tempor- ary Loan)	5,000.00
Jan. 1—	5113—	Fred E. Fenno, Clerk Ct. Ct.....	284.97
			<hr/> \$ 6,310.55

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, February 15, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

The Trustees having given notice on January 7, 1924, of their intention to sell that parcel, tract or shallow bank in Biscayne Bay, lying on the Northwest side of Virginia Key, in Sections 8, 9, 16, 17 and 20, Township 54 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, Florida, Containing 1200 acres, more or less, on the 15th day of February, 1924, and having advertised their intentions as required by Section 1062, of the Revised General Statutes of Florida,

in the Miami Herald, a newspaper published in the county in which said lands lie, and affidavit of such publication having been filed with the Trustees, the matter was open for consideration.

Messrs. Blount Myers, J. L. Billingsley and Worth W. Trammell appeared to submit bids. Mr. W. H. Price, of Miami, stated that he objected to the sale of said lands and would file such objections with reasons therefor. Mr. Billingsley asked that further consideration of the sale be deferred for a full Board, two members thereof being absent. Whereupon, motion duly adopted, the Trustees recessed to meet at 11 o'clock A. M., Saturday, February 16, 1924.

February 16, 1924, 11 A. M.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met pursuant to recessed meeting of the 15th.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Chairman gave notice that the Trustees were ready to accept offers for the purchase of the submerged tract of land in Biscayne Bay, whereupon, Mr. W. H. Price filed objections to the entire tract as advertised and stated that if the Trustees would eliminate all land West of Sections 9, 16 and 20, and 40 acres on the North end of said tract, he would withdraw objections filed.

The Trustees agreed to sell that part in Sections 9 and 16, except the North 40 acres, containing 419.5 acres, and Mr. Price withdrew all objections to said sale. Messrs. Myers and Trammell stated they would have to get in touch with their clients before making a bid as they were authorized to bid on the land as a whole and not an acreage basis. The Trustees agreed to meet at 5 o'clock P. M. to further consider the sale of said land.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Dixon-Carpenter Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To office supplies account Tax Clerk—Bill of February 7, 1924	\$ 2.60
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To services rendered during January, 1924.....	3.45
Post Publishing Co., West Palm Beach, Fla. To notice sale of lands February 11th—9 issues....	22.00
The Miami Herald, Miami, Fla. To advertising sale of lands near Virginia Key—Bill of February 13, 1924.....	9.00
Mrs. C. M. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. To services assisting Tax Clerk during January—18 days at \$3.00 per day.....	54.00
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	\$ 91.05

February 16, 1924, 5 P. M.

The Trustees met at 5 o'clock P. M., pursuant to recess taken at morning meeting.

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

After discussing the sale of the submerged tract of land in Biscayne Bay, the Trustees decided to postpone further action to a later date, said date to be determined by the Governor and Chairman of the Trustees.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, February 26, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
 Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

The Governor stated that the Trustees would meet on Thursday, February 28th, at 4 o'clock P. M., to further consider the sale of that submerged tract of land in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, Florida, adjacent to Virginia Key, and requested the Secretary to notify interested parties.

The Chief Drainage Engineer was instructed to have a survey made of Government Lots 8 and 9, Section 18, and Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Section 19, all in Township 35 South, Range 41 East, Saint Lucie County.

Application was received from the Tatum Land Company to have Townships 49 and 50, Range 37, surveyed and Section post located, and it was agreed to have same done, provided the Tatum Land Company would pay the cost; the amount paid to be credited on Tatum Land Company's indebtedness to the Trustees.

Justice Jefferson B. Browne and Daniel L. Navarro made application to purchase a shallow bank, or island, in the tidal waters of Monroe County. It was agreed to advertise said land, provided the applicants would agree to bid not less than \$500.00 for the land on date of sale.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
 Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
 Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, February 28, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

Notice having been given to all parties interested in the purchase of submerged lands adjacent to Virginia Key, which land was advertised for sale on February 15th, that further consideration of the sale of same would be taken up at this time, the Chairman asked for bids. Mr. Blount Myers bid \$200.00 per acre; J. L. Billingsley bid \$200.00; Worth W. Trammell bid \$225.00, and later raised it to \$275.00. After due consideration of the offers, \$275.00 being the highest price offered, the Trustees stated that they would not sell said land for less than \$300.00 per acre, and advised J. L. Billingsley that as he and his client, F. H. Rand, Jr., were the owners of the upland on Virginia Key, if they would pay \$300.00 per acre, the land would be sold to him and his client.

The Trustees stated that they would recess to meet at 10 o'clock A. M., Friday, the 29th, in order that Mr. Billingsley might have an opportunity to communicate with his client.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Land Clerk during February, 1924.....	\$ 250.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Secretary during February, 1924.....	66.66
J. B. Johnson, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Counsel during February, 1924.....	125.00
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary during February, 1924	41.66
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Tax Clerk during February, 1924.....	166.67

Fenton Blitch, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as assistant to Tax Clerk during February, 1924..	90.00
Mrs. Carrie M. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. To clerical work assisting Tax Clerk during February, 1924	90.00
Mildred Conley, Tallahassee, Fla. To clerical work assisting Tax Clerk during February—5 days at \$3.00.....	15.00
Edwin Barnes, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla. Clerical work assisting Tax Clerk—9 days during February, at \$3.00.....	27.00
Johnnie Bell, Tallahassee, Fla. To clerical work assisting Tax Clerk—13 days during February, 1924, at \$3.00.....	39.00
Mary Piggott, Tallahassee, Fla. To clerical work assisting Tax Clerk—4 hours work at night....	4.00
Sue Papy, Tallahassee, Fla. To clerical work assisting Tax Clerk—7 days during February, at \$3.00	21.00
W. O. Berryhill, Tax Collector, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. To balance due on Tax Receipts.....	15.18
R. B. McLendon, Tax Collector, Miami, Fla. To balance due on Tax Receipts.....	60.59
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	\$1,011.76

The Trustees adjourned.

Friday, February 29, 1914.
10 o'clock A. M.

The Trustees met pursuant to adjourned meeting of the 28th.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

Mr. J. L. Billingsley appeared before the Trustees and agreed to bid \$300.00 per acre for the submerged lands in Biscayne Bay, adjacent to Virginia Key, which offer

was accepted and deed was ordered issued to J. L. Billingsley and F. H. Rand, Jr., upon the following terms:

\$10,000.00 in cash and notes as follows:

1st Note for \$2500.00 due April 1, 1924.

2nd Note for \$2500.00 due May 1, 1924.

3rd Note for \$2500.00 due June 1, 1924.

4th Note for \$2500.00 due July 1, 1924.

5th Note for \$2500.00 due August 1, 1924.

6th Note for \$2500.00 due September 1, 1924.

7th Note for \$33,866.67 due March 1, 1925.

8th Note for \$33,866.67 due March 1, 1926.

9th Note for \$33,866.66 due March 1, 1927.

Each of said notes bearing interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum until maturity, and thereafter, until paid, 10 per cent per annum.

Judge W. H. Price appeared before the Trustees in behalf of the City of Miami, and stated that said city was desirous of obtaining a certain strip of submerged land, parallel with the Municipal Channel across Biscayne Bay, 300 feet wide, for the purpose of dumping excavated material from said Municipal Channel, which the city proposed to widen and deepen, and stating further that the City of Miami was willing to quit-claim to the Trustees certain lands, provided the Trustees would grant to the City of Miami certain other lands, which was agreed to. Whereupon, Judge Price presented the following Resolution from the City of Miami:

RESOLUTION NO. 1288.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A QUIT-CLAIM DEED ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF MIAMI FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY BELOW DESCRIBED TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE I. I. FUND EXECUTING AND DELIVERING TO THE CITY OF MIAMI A QUIT-CLAIM DEED FOR CERTAIN OTHER SUBMERGED LAND.

WHEREAS, The City of Miami, by a quit-claim deed dated the 21st day of December, 1915, secured a certain

strip of submerged land 215 feet in width and extending across Biscayne Bay, from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for a municipal channel, and

WHEREAS, A subsequent deed was issued and executed to the Alton Beach Realty Company from the Internal Improvement Fund which said deed embraced and covered a part of the said submerged land heretofore quit-claimed to the City of Miami, and

WHEREAS, No portion or part of said land below described and authorized to be quit-claimed to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund has been, or is now used by the City of Miami for a municipal channel or other municipal purposes, and

WHEREAS, The City of Miami is desirous of securing other submerged land in consideration for the execution and delivery of said quit-claim deed to the I. I. Fund, and

WHEREAS, The minutes of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund dated May 9, 1921, show that the said I. I. Fund agree that upon the City of Miami furnishing the Trustees a proper description of the submerged land desired, that same would be given proper and due consideration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Commission of the City of Miami:

Section 1: That the City Manager be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to execute a quit-claim deed on behalf of the City of Miami to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for the land described as follows:

From a point 1580 feet north and 2015 feet West of the southeast corner of Section 4, Township 54 South, Range 42 East, this said point being the intersection of the center line of the roadway of the Miami Causeway Concrete Viaduct and the face of the adjoining concrete parapet, run South $67^{\circ} 05'$ west along center line of said roadway produced a distance of 58.7 feet;

Thence South $31^{\circ} 43'$ east a distance of 64.75 feet;

Thence southwesterly along the southerly bulkhead of said Causeway, as said bulkhead is now located and constructed, 625 feet, more or less, for a point of beginning, this said point of beginning being 295 feet from the center line of the

Miami Municipal Channel and 11,920' from the westerly point of the center line of the said Municipal Channel as described and shown in Exhibit "A" of deed recorded in Deed Book 149 at page 1 of the Public Records of Dade County, Florida; thence continuing southwesterly along said southerly bulkhead line 495 feet, more or less, to a point 153 feet at right angles from the said center line of said Municipal Channel;

Thence South $25^{\circ} 29'$ west, 73 feet to a point 80 feet from center line of said Municipal Channel;

Thence South $64^{\circ} 31'$ East along a line parallel to and 80 feet from said Channel center line 2270 feet, more or less, to a point 13,720 feet, more or less, Easterly from the Westerly point of the center line of the said Municipal Channel, as described and shown in Exhibit "A" of deed recorded at Page 1, Deed Book 149, Public Records Dade County;

Thence North $25^{\circ} 29'$ East, 215 feet;

Thence North $64^{\circ} 31'$ West, 1800 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Section 2. That the City Manager be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to deliver said quit-claim deed to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund upon the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund executing and delivering a quit-claim deed to the City of Miami for the property known and described as follows:

A strip of submerged land in Biscayne Bay 300 feet wide, located parallel with the Municipal Channel across Biscayne Bay, as said Channel is shown and designated on map marked Exhibit "A" attached to Deed in Deed Book 149, Page 1, at Recorder's Office, Dade County, Florida.

The northerly line of the strip conveyed is 595 feet north from and parallel with the center line of said channel and said center line is a straight line between two points whose position is determined as follows:

'The westerly point is in Biscayne Bay in the center line of First street produced into the Bay 2350 feet, more or less, from the intersection of said center line of First street with the center line of the Boulevard along the Bay Front, all as

shown upon a map made by Isham Randolph & Co., dated October, 1915, on Scale 1" equals 600', said map attached hereto marked Exhibit "A".

The easterly point is in the center line of and at the westerly end of the channel already cut by the U. S. Government and known as the Government Cut as shown on Government Map attached hereto, Exhibit "B".

The westerly line of the strip herein conveyed is the west line of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5, Township 54 South, Range 42 East.

The easterly line of the strip herein conveyed is the southerly wall or bulkhead of the Miami Causeway as now built and constructed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of February, A. D. 1924.

(Signed) E. C. ROMFH.

Attest:

(Signed) H. E. ROSS, City Clerk.

STATE OF FLORIDA,
COUNTY OF DADE,
CITY OF MIAMI.

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the City of Miami, Florida, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 1288, adopted February 26th, 1924, at a regular meeting of the City Commission.

WITNESS my signature and the official seal of the City of Miami, Florida, this 26th day of February, A. D. 1924.

(SEAL)

H. E. ROSS, City Clerk.

And the following agreement was executed to the City of Miami:

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, STATE OF
FLORIDA.

DEED No. 17,141.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the undersigned, the Trustees of the Internal Improve-

ment Fund of the State of Florida, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable considerations, to them in hand paid by the City of Miami, a municipal corporation, in Dade County, Florida, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby grant to the said City of Miami, and to its successors, the right and license to use and utilize that certain strip of submerged land in Biscayne Bay, 300 feet wide, located parallel with the Municipal Channel across Biscayne Bay as said Channel is shown and designated on map marked Exhibit "A," attached to deed in Deed Book 149, Page 1, in the Recorder's Office, Dade County, Florida.

The northerly line of the strip conveyed is 595 feet north from and parallel with the center line of said channel, and said center line is a straight line between two points whose position is determined as follows:

"The westerly point is in Biscayne Bay in the center of First street produced into the Bay 2350 feet, more or less, from the intersection of said center line of First street with the center line of the Boulevard along the Bay Front, or as shown upon the map made by Isham Randolph Company, dated October 15, on Scale 1" equals 600'; said map attached hereto marked Exhibit "A". The easterly point is in the center line of and at the westerly end of the channel already cut by the United States Government and known as the "Government Cut" as shown on Government map attached hereto, marked Exhibit "B."

The westerly line of the strip herein conveyed is the west line of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5, Township 54 South, Range 42 East.

The Easterly line of the strip herein conveyed is the southerly wall or bulkhead of the Miami Causeway as now built and constructed.

Together with the right, leave and license to the extent that the said Trustees have the power and authority to grant same to the City of Miami, to utilize and occupy the strip of submerged land upon which to dump spoils pumped or excavated in the deepening and improvement of the Municipal Channel across said Biscayne Bay.

This right, leave and license is hereby granted to the said City of Miami upon the following express terms and conditions:

FIRST: That any lands on the said 300 foot strip so filled in by the said City of Miami, shall be used for public road or causeway only.

SECOND: That unless said strip of land is utilized and filled in within a period of Ten years from this date, the same shall revert to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and this grant, leave and license shall terminate and be absolutely null and void.

THIRD: That any and all portions of said 300 foot strip that is not used or utilized, for the purposes aforesaid, at the end of Ten years from this date, shall revert to the said Trustes and this grant, leave and license, insofar as the said unfilled-in portions are concerned, shall terminate and be absolutely null and void.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, The said Trustees have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed their seals, and have caused the seal of "THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA" to be hereunto affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Tallahassee, on this the 1st day of March, A. D. 1924.

CARY A. HARDEE, (Seal)
Governor.

ERNEST AMOS (Seal)
Comptroller.

J. C. LUNING, (Seal)
Treasurer.

RIVERS BUFORD, (Seal)
Attorney General.

NATHAN MAYO, (Seal)
Commissioner of Agriculture.

(SEAL)

The Trustees executed the following instrument to the PENINSULA TERMINAL COMPANY:

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF
FLORIDA.

DEED No. 17,142.

WHEREAS, On the 21st day of December, A. D. 1915, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida granted and deeded to the City of Miami, Dade County, Florida, a strip of land 215 feet wide, across Biscayne

Bay, upon which to deposit the spoils from the excavation of the Municipal Channel across said Bay; and

WHEREAS, The said City of Miami, in the construction of said Municipal Channel, did not use the entire length of the said 215 feet so granted and deeded to it, but left unused a certain portion thereof on the East side of said Bay; and

WHEREAS, The said Trustees, subsequent to the deed-ing by them to the City of Miami of the said strip of land, did sell and convey unto one Carl G. Fisher and to the Alton Beach Realty Company, certain of the submerged lands in said Biscayne Bay, which said lands so conveyed included a certain portion of that strip theretofore deeded to the said City of Miami; and

WHEREAS, On the 26th day of February, A. D. 1924, the said City of Miami, by quit-claim deed, executed and delivered, conveyed to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida, certain portions of the said 215 foot strip so conveyed to it by the Trustees not used by the said City of Miami in the construction of said channel; and

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida, desiring to perfect the title to the lands heretofore conveyed by them to the said Carl G. Fisher and to the Alton Beach Realty Company, their successors and assigns, in so far as the same is, or could be affected by the deed to the City of Miami, and by the deed from the City of Miami to the said Trustees; Therefore,

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, under the provisions and by authority of Section 1061 et seq., of the Revised General Statutes of the State of Florida, for and in consideration of the premises and of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), to them in hand paid by the PENINSULA TERMINAL COMPANY, a corporation in and under the Laws of the State of Florida, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, convey and quit-claim unto the said PENINSULA TERMINAL COMPANY, and to its successors and assigns forever, that certain tract of submerged lands in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

From a point 1580 feet North of and 2015 West of the Southeast corner of Section 4, Township 54 South, Range 42 East, this said point being the intersection of the center line of the roadway of the Miami Causeway concrete viaduct and the face of the concrete parapet.

Run South $67^{\circ} 05'$ West along the center line of said roadway produced a distance of 58.7 feet,

Thence South $31^{\circ} 43'$ East a distance of 64.75 feet,

Thence Southwesterly along the Southerly bulkhead of said Causeway, as said bulkhead is now located and constructed, a distance of 625 feet, more or less, to a point of beginning.

Said point of beginning being 295 feet measured at right angles from the center line of the Miami Municipal Channel.

Thence continuing Southwesterly along the Southerly bulkhead line a distance of 495 feet, more or less, to a point 153.5 feet measured at right angles from the center line of said Municipal Channel.

Thence South $25^{\circ} 29'$ West a distance of 50.5 feet,

Thence South $64^{\circ} 31'$ East along a line and parallel to and 103 feet from said Municipal Channel center line a distance of 1898.2 feet,

Thence North $31^{\circ} 43'$ West a distance of 354.4 feet,

Thence North $64^{\circ} 31'$ West along a line and parallel to and 295 feet from said Municipal Channel center line a distance of 1144.1 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, and containing 6.83 acres, more or less.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD The above granted and described premises unto the said PENINSULA TERMINAL COMPANY and to its successors and assigns, forever.

SAVING AND RESERVING unto the said, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida, and their successors, an undivided three-fourths interest in and title in and to an undivided three-fourths interest in all the phosphate, minerals and metals that are, or may

be in, on, or under the said above described land, with the privilege and right to mine and develop the same.

AND FURTHER SAVING AND RESERVING Unto the said, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida, and their successors, an undivided one-half interest in, and title in and to an undivided one-half interest in all the petroleum that is or may be in, on, or under the said above described land, with the privilege to mine and develop the same.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, The said Trustees have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed their seals, and have caused the seal of "THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA" to be hereunto affixed, at the Capitol, in the City of Tallahassee, on this the 1st day of March, A. D. 1924.

CARY A. HARDEE, (Seal)
Governor.

ERNEST AMOS, (Seal)
Comptroller.

J. C. LUNING, (Seal)
Treasurer.

RIVERS BUFORD, (Seal)
Attorney General.

NATHAN MAYO, (Seal)
Commissioner of Agriculture.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 10, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

Minutes of the Trustees of December 29th, 1923, January 1st, 7th, 19th, February 11th, 15th, 26th and 28th, 1924, were read and approved.

A letter was presented by the State Treasurer from D. R. McNeil, desiring to purchase 10 acres owned by the Trustees, just across the Avenue, West of the piece of land recently purchased by Mr. Connors of the Trustees, South of Okeechobee City, fronting on Lake Okeechobee. The Trustees decided that they did not care to sell this land at the present time and requested the Secretary to notify Mr. McNeil of their action in the premises.

The Secretary was requested to advise Mr. R. E. Hamrick, of Okeechobee City, that the price given him some time back, upon some land South of Okeechobee City, near the lake, the price being \$150.00 per acre, Mr. Hamrick stating that he had a client who desired to purchase this land, had been withdrawn and the right to purchase at the above price no longer existed and the land was taken off the market.

The attention of the Trustees was called to the fact that the firm of Tracy, Chapman and Welles differed with the Trustees and Special Counsel in their construction of certain portion of the law, and the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, A difference of opinion has arisen between Messrs. Tracy, Chapman and Welles, of Toledo, Ohio, attorneys selected and agreed upon by the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District and the firm of Spitzer, Rorick and Company, of Toledo, Ohio, purchaser of Everglades Drainage District Bonds, issued under authority of the Act of the Legislature of 1923, to pass upon the legality and collectibility of the bonds and of the sufficiency of the taxing power back of the issue, and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and J. B. Johnson, their Special Counsel, such difference of opinion being as to the time when the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund should pay for drainage tax certificates issued to them by the Tax Collectors at sales of lands for non-payment of Everglades Drainage Dis-

strict Taxes; the said Messrs. Tracy, Chapman and Welles holding that the law correctly construed provides that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund should pay for all drainage tax certificates at the time and on the date of such sale and issuing of said certificates to them; the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and its Counsel holding that the law contemplates and provides that the amounts involved in such drainage tax certificates should not be paid by the Trustees until such certificates have ripened into title in said Trustees, such ripening into title being two years from the date of such tax sales; Therefore,

BE IT RESOVLED, By the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida, that should the necessity ever arise, by reason of the non-payment of Drainage taxes in an amount sufficient to promptly take care of and pay off any maturing bonds of the Everglades Drainage District, or to take care of and pay off any maturing interest coupons from any of said bonds, that then the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund shall and will anticipate the time, and pay for, out of any funds available, a sufficient amount of Everglades Drainage District tax sale certificates, to promptly meet and pay any such maturing bonds and interest coupons to the extent of the sum of the unpaid certificates then held by the Trustees, if necessary.

Financial Statement for the month of February, 1924, was read and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FEBRUARY, 1924.

Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1924....	\$125,052.36	
From A. B. Crow, Tax Collector		
Palm Beach Co., refund on tax		
payment	91.69	
From T. J. Badgley, reimburse-		
ment of Trustees on account of		
payment of taxes on his land....	61.16	
From land sales (\$63,539.01) less		
25% to State School Fund		
(\$15,884.76)	47,654.25	
		\$172,859.46
Less Disbursements	5,921.20	
Balance March 1, 1924.....		\$166,938.26

RECAPITULATION.

Cash and Cash Items.....	\$ 1,000.00
Balance in Banks.....	165,938.26
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	\$166,938.26

BALANCE IN BANK MARCH 1, 1924.

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$ 29,300.65
Barnett National Bank Jacksonville, Fla.	26,752.45
Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	40,547.97
First National Bank, Miami, Fla..	1,532.71
First-American Bank & Trust Co., West Palm Beach, Fla.....	1,914.84
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	24,493.97
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	3,891.20
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	37,504.47
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	\$165,938.26

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date	Check	In Favor of	Amount.
1924	No.		
Feb. 1—	5114—	C. B. Gwynn....	\$ 250.00
Feb. 1—	5115—	J. Stuart Lewis..	66.66
Feb. 1—	5116—	J. B. Johnson...	125.00
Feb. 1—	5117—	Jentye Dedge ...	41.66
Feb. 1—	5118—	R. W. Ervin....	166.67
Feb. 1—	5119—	Fenton Blitch ..	90.00
Feb. 1—	5020—	T. J. Appleyard..	15.00
Feb. 1—	5121—	D. A. Dixon.....	5.10
Feb. 1—	5122—	W. H. May, Postmaster	70.06
Feb. 12—	5123—	Board Commissioners Everglades Drainage District (Tempor. Loan).	5,000.00
Feb. 18—	5124—	Dixon - Carpenter Co.	2.60

Date	Check	In Favor of	Amount.
1924.	No.		
Feb. 18—5125—		Western Union	
		Telegraph Co. ..	3.45
Feb. 18—5126—		Post Publishing	
		Co.	22.00
Feb. 18—5127—		The Miami Herald	9.00
Feb. 18—5128—		Mrs. C. M. Erwin	54.00
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			\$ 5,921.20

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.
Chairman.

Attest:
J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 13, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

Application was made to the Trustees for the purchase of tracts of land in Pinellas and Sarasota Counties, and the following Notices were ordered published in the St. Petersburg Independent and Sarasota Times, respectively:

NOTICE.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 15, 1924.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 11 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, April 2, 1924,

for the purpose of considering the sale of the following described lands in Pinellas County:

ISLAND A—Whose center lies approximately 800 feet East of the West line of Section 14, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, and 5,000 feet North of the South line of Section 14, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Contains with surrounding shoals 2.47 acres, more or less.

ISLAND B—Whose center is approximately 1800 feet East of the West line of Section 14, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, and 2600 feet North of the South line of Section 14, Township 31, South, Range 15 East, contains with surrounding shoals 15 acres, more or less.

ISLAND C—Lies in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, Township 31 South, Range 15 East. Its center is approximately 2800 feet North of the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and 4th Street of St. Petersburg Beach subdivision and contains, including surrounding shoals 2.46 acres, more or less.

Exact description of Islands to be given in deed.

This notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida.

Competitive bids for above land will be received at Tallahassee at 11 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, April 22, 1924.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 15, 1924.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 11 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, April 22, 1924, for the purpose of considering the sale of the following described land in Sarasota County:

Beginning at a point approximately 300 feet west of Northeast corner of Section 1, Township 37 South, Range 17 East, said point being on the West bank of Government Channel; thence West 300 feet; thence South 64 degrees 30 minutes West 2,000 feet; thence South 64 degrees 30 minutes East 435 feet; thence North 43 degrees 900 feet to West side of Government Channel; thence northerly along West side of said Government Channel for 1350 feet to point of beginning.

Beginning at a point approximately 200 feet west of Northeast corner of Section 1, Township 37 South, Range 17 East, said point being on East bank of Government Channel; thence Southerly along East bank of said Government Channel for 1350 feet; thence North 80 degrees East for 1,000 feet; thence North 39 degrees 15 minutes East for 1420 feet; thence West along Township line between Sections 31 and 6, and Sections 36 and 1, 1680 feet to point of beginning. Said property lying and being in Section 1, Township 37 South, Range 17 East, and Section 6, Township 37 South, Range 18 East; Containing 65.80 acres, more or less.

This notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida.

Competitive bids will be received for above land, at Tallahassee, at 11 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, April 22, 1924.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.

Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 15, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

The Tax Clerk to the Trustees presented a report showing the following amounts due by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for taxes on lands held by them in the Everglades Drainage District, in accordance with Chapter 7305, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1917; title to said lands having vested in said Trustees for non-payment of Everglades Drainage District taxes and are now held by said Trustees, to-wit:

	Acres.	Costs of Certificate.	Total Dr. Taxes Due.
Broward County	75,948	2,413.14	95,258.12
Collier County	2,240	8.64	594.24
Dade County	16,201	141.11	12,517.28
Glades County	20,080	200.67	20,259.94
Hendry County	9,180	160.72	7,570.72
Highlands County ...	1,316	11.46	860.70
Okeechobee County ..	6,241	72.76	3,176.60
Palm Beach County..	51,148	4,019.13	64,836.48
St. Lucie County.....	2,093	10.55	788.32
	184,447	\$ 7,038.18	\$205,862.40

Upon motion of Mr. Amos, it was ordered that the Trustees pay these back taxes due, into the Drainage Tax Fund; seconded by Mr. Buford and unanimously adopted. Hon. J. C. Luning, State Treasurer, was requested to pay, immediately, \$92,844.98 due on lands in Broward County, and \$60,817.35 due on lands in Palm Beach County, and the balance of \$52,200.07 due on lands in the other counties, as soon as funds are available.

It was ordered that the lands, title which had vested in the Trustees, in Township 51 South, Range 39 East, be advertised for sale as required by law.

The Tax Clerk reported that he had a number of applications to purchase lands by former owners, in the counties of Broward, Dade, Hendry, Highlands, Okeechobee and Palm Beach, which had been sold for Drainage taxes, and it was ordered that same be advertised for sale as required by law.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 25, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

Application having been made for the purchase of certain land in Dade County, the Trustees ordered the following notice published in the Miami Herald:

NOTICE.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 25, 1924.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 11 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, April 29, 1924, for the purpose of considering the sale of the following described land in Dade County, to-wit:

The unsurveyed Marsh land in the $N\frac{1}{2}$ of the $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of the Fractional part of the $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of the $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5, Township 55 South, Range 41 East; Containing 102.14 acres.

This notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida.

Competitive bids for above land will be received at Tallahassee, at 11 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, April 29, 1924. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	
To services during February, 1924.....	\$ 3.71
C. F. Saunders, Sebring, Fla. To recording Instruments Nos. 4968 and 4970 and postage....	2.55
W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla. To stamps for Land Department.....	11.00
Dixon-Carpenter Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Supplies furnished Tax Clerk.....	9.60
Dixon-Carpenter Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To supplies furnished Secretary's office.....	2.10
Jerry W. Carter, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla. To supplies furnished Tax Clerk during March, 1924	3.50
John W. Williams, Tallahassee, Fla. To expenses on trip of inspection of lands, March 3rd to 8th, inclusive	82.75
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	\$ 115.21

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.

Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 31, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. Land Clerk during March, 1924, salary.....	\$ 250.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Secretary during March, 1924.....	66.66
J. B. Johnson, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Counsel during March, 1924.....	125.00
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary during March, 1924	41.66
J. B. Johnson, Tallahassee, Fla. To reimbursement expenses trip to LaBelle account ejectment suits	59.99
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Tax Clerk during March, 1924.....	166.66
Fenton Blitch, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary assisting ing Tax Clerk during March, 1924.....	90.00
Mrs. Carrie Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary assisting Tax Clerk during March, 1924.....	90.00
Edwin Barnes, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla. To salary assisting Tax Clerk during March, 1924.....	90.00
Johnnie Bell, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary assisting Tax Clerk during March, 1924—19 days at \$3.00	57.00
Sue Papy, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary assisting Tax Clerk during March, 1924—8 days at \$3.00	24.00
T. J. Appleyard, Tallahassee, Fla. Printing 1,000 Receipts for Secretary—Bill of March 25, 1924	4.75
Dixon-Carpenter Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To legal paper for Tax Clerk.....	2.50
National Surety Co., Greene S. Johnston, Jr. Agt., Tallahassee, Fla. To premium on Secretary's Bond	12.50
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	\$1,080.72

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 4, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees decided that it was necessary to have a man to make inspection of land, and secure information as to the various sand, gravel, moss and minerals of the Trustees in various parts of the State, owned and controlled by the Trustees. Whereupon, Mr. A. R. Richardson was appointed Field Agent for the Trustees at a salary of \$200.00 per month, effective as of April 10, 1924.

The Special Counsel was requested to proceed with foreclosure proceedings against Hector Harris, purchaser of lands in the Everglades, who had failed to comply with his contract.

Financial Statement for the month of March, 1924, was read and ordered placed of record.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MARCH, 1924.

Balance on hand March 1, 1924...	\$166,938.26
From Board of Commissioners	
Everglades Drainage District—	
Settlement account Temporary	
Loan	\$10,000.00
Balance on notes.....	5,805.50

Note	55,000.00	
Interest at 6% to March 24, 1924.....	5,334.38	
		76,139.88
Comptroller's Warrant No. 15685. (See Minutes of Board.)		
From Pennsylvania Sugar Co. Refund of 1922 Taxes paid by Trustees for its account.....	439.04	
From land sales (\$53,478.12) less 25% to State School Fund (\$13,369.50)	40,108.62	
		\$283,625.80
Less Disbursements	206,989.45	
Balance April 1, 1924.....		\$ 76,636.35

RECAPITULATION.

Cash and Cash Items.....	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance in Banks.....	75,636.35	
		\$ 76,636.35

BALANCE IN BANKS APRIL 1, 1924.

Atlantic National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla.	\$ 15,440.53	
Barnett National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla.	28,734.10	
Florida National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla.	10,547.79	
First-American Bank & Trust Co., West Palm Beach, Fla.	1,914.84	
First National Bank, Miami, Fla.	1,532.71	
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	6,328.71	
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	3,891.20	
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	7,246.29	
		\$ 75,636.35

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date	Check	In Favor of	Amount.
1924	No.		
March	1—5129—	C. B. Gwynn..\$	250.00
March	1—5130—	J. Stuart Lewis	66.66
March	1—5131—	J. B. Johnson..	125.00
March	1—5132—	Jentye Dedge..	41.66
March	1—5133—	R. W. Ervin...	166.67
March	1—5134—	Fenton Blitch..	90.00
March	1—5135—	Mrs. Carrie M. Ervin	90.00
March	1—5136—	Mildred Conley	15.00
March	1—5137—	Edwin Barnes.	27.00
March	1—5138—	Johnnie Bell...	39.00
March	1—5139—	Mary Pigott ..	4.00
March	1—5140—	Sue Papy	21.00
March	1—5141—	W. O. Berryhill, T. C.	15.18
March	1—5142—	R. B. McLendon, T. C.	60.59
March	22—5143—	Drainage Tax Fund	20,000.00
March	22—5144—	Drainage Tax Fund	35,000.00
March	22—5145—	Drainage Tax Fund	25,258.18
March	22—5146—	Drainage Tax Fund	15,000.00
March	26—5147—	Western Union Telegraph Co...	3.71
March	26—5148—	C. F. Saunders.	2.55
March	26—5149—	W. H. May, Postmaster	11.00
March	26—5150—	Dixon-Carpenter Co.	9.60
March	26—5151—	Dixon-Carpenter Co.	2.10
March	26—5152—	Jerry W. Carter, Jr.	3.50
March	26—5153—	J. W. Williams	82.75
March	27—5154—	Drainage Tax Fund	40,000.00

Date	Check	In Favor of	Amount.
1924.	No.		
March 27—	5155—	Drainage T a x	
		Fund	27,000.00
March 27—	5156—	Drainage T a x	
		Fund	35,000.00
March 27—	5157—	Drainage T a x	
		Fund	5,000.00
March 27—	5158—	Drainage T a x	
		Fund	3,604.30
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			\$206,989.45

Judge Jefferson B. Browne, of Tallahassee, and Mr. Daniel L. Navarro, of Key West, made application on February 26th, 1924, to purchase a shallow bank or island in the tidal waters of Monroe County, and agreed to bid not less than \$500.00 for said property on date of sale. The Trustees agreed to advertise the said land and the following advertisement was ordered published in the Key West Citizen, a newspaper published in the county in which the lands lie:

NOTICE.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 5, 1924.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 11 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, May 20th, 1924, for the purpose of considering the sale of a submerged tract of land in Monroe County, described as follows, to-wit:

An island in the vicinity of Key West Island, caused by the deposit of excavated material from the Ship Channel.

The deposit lies 1800 feet, more or less, in a Northwesterly direction from the Porter Docks, which are at the end of Fitzpatrick Street, City of Key West. It extends 400 feet, more or less, in a Northeasterly direction, 300 feet, more or less, in a Northwesterly direction, and contains approximately 2.8 acres. All in Section 6, Township 68 South, Range 25 East.

Exact description to be furnished with deed.

This notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida.

Sealed bids for above land will be received at Tallahassee until 11 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, May 20th, 1924.

Certified check for \$500.00 must accompany all bids.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.

Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 10, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

The Miami Herald, Miami, Fla. To one year's subscription to the Miami Herald.....\$	9.00
Miami News-Metropolis, Miami, Fla. To one year's subscription to the Miami Metropolis..	7.80
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To services during March, 1924.....	1.29
John W. Williams, Tallahassee, Fla. To inspection State lands April 3rd and 4th, 1924.....	22.05

Edward Key, Court Stenographer, Arcadia, Fla. Reporting case of Trustees vs. E. R. Shumard, Bill of April 1, 1924.....	5.00
W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla. To postage stamps for Secretary's office.....	22.00
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	\$ 67.14

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 22, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met
on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees having on March 15, 1924, ordered the advertisement of three islands in Pinellas County, for sale on this the 22nd day of April, A. D. 1924, as authorized under Section 1062, Revised General Statutes of Florida; also 65.80 acres of submerged lands in Sarasota County, in Section 1, Township 37 South, Range 17 East, and Section 6, Township 37 South, Range 18 East, and the same having been advertised as required by law, and affidavit of publications of such notices having been filed with the Secretary by the St. Petersburg Independent, a newspaper published in the County of Pinellas, and the Sarasota Times, a newspaper published in Sarasota County, the Governor stated that the Trustees were ready to receive bids for the land in Sarasota County. Bids started at \$105.00 per acre and reached \$230.00. There

being no higher bids, the bid of \$230.00 per acre, made by Mr. A. B. Edwards, was accepted and the following terms were agreed upon by the said Trustees:

\$1,645.00 cash as first payment.

\$4,496.33 payable one year after date;

\$4,496.33 payable two years after date, and

\$4,496.34 payable three years after date, with

8 per cent interest on deferred payments.

The Governor called for bids on Islands "A," "B" and "C" in Pinellas County, containing 19.93 acres. Bids started at \$500.00 and reached \$5,750.00, at which price the islands were sold to Mr. A. B. Archibald, the high bidder; and the following terms were agreed upon by the Trustees:

\$1,437.50 cash as first payment;

\$1,437.50 payable one year after date;

\$1,437.50 payable two years after date; and

\$1,437.50 payable three years after date, with

8 per cent interest on deferred payments.

The Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to issue deeds and have Notes and Mortgages executed in accordance therewith.

The following bills were approved and the Treasurer requested to issue checks to cover:

Sarasota Times, Sarasota, Fla. To advertising land sale on April 22nd—5 issues—Sarasota County	\$ 15.00
The Independent, St. Petersburg, Fla. To advertising land sale on April 22nd—5 issues—Pinellas County	17.25
Dixon-Carpenter Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To supplies furnished Secretary's office April 4, 1924	6.00
Dixon-Carpenter Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To supplies furnished Tax Clerk April 16, 1924....	.50
Fred E. Fenno, Clerk Circuit Court, West Palm Beach, Fla. Certified copy Bill of Complaint Highlands-Glades Drainage District.....	3.30
B. & S. Sales Company, P. O. Box 4488, Jacksonville, Fla. Typewriter Ribbons for Tax Clerk April 12, 1924.....	5.00
Underwood Typewriter Company, Jacksonville, Fla. Balance on exchange of old Machine....	50.05

The Everglades News, Canal Point, Fla. To one year's subscription to paper.....	2.00
T. J. Appleyard, Tallahassee, Fla. To 3,000 copies of pamphlet for Securing State Lands.....	19.60
J. B. Johnson, Tallahassee, Fla. Cost advanced in Huston vs. Trustees—suit in U. S. Court....	5.00
Jerry W. Carter, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla. To second sheets furnished Tax Clerk—Bill of April 19, 1924	3.00
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	\$ 126.70

Mr. Luning moved that in future all office supplies, printing, etc., needed by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District be purchased by the Secretary on competitive bids. Seconded by Mr. Buford, and upon vote adopted.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 28, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Application having been made on this date to purchase certain lands owned by the Trustees in Collier and Hendry Counties, and the applicant having agreed to bid not less than \$3.00 per acre for said lands, it was ordered that the lands be advertised for sale July 10th, 1924, as

required by law. The following advertisements were ordered inserted in the Caloosahatchee Current, a newspaper published in Hendry County, and the Collier County News, a newspaper published in the County of Collier; advertisement to be dated June 4, 1924:

NOTICE.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 4, 1924.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will receive competitive bids in open session at 11 o'clock A. M., Thursday, July 10th, A. D. 1924, at Tallahassee, for the sale of the following tract of lands, situate and being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida:

All unsurveyed Sections 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17; $W\frac{1}{2}$ of 19; $N\frac{1}{2}$ and $SW\frac{1}{4}$ of 21; $N\frac{1}{2}$ of 29, Township 46 South, Range 31 East;

$S\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 20, 21; all 23, 28 and 29, Township 43 South, Range 32 East;

All Section 3 and $E\frac{1}{2}$ of 5, Township 44 South, Range 32 East;

All Section 33, Township 45 South, Range 32 East;

All Section 1, 3; $SE\frac{1}{4}$ and $E\frac{1}{2}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$ of 7; All 9, 11, 15, 17, 19, 21; $N\frac{1}{2}$ and $SW\frac{1}{4}$ of 23; $N\frac{1}{2}$ of 27; $N\frac{1}{2}$ of 29; Township 46 South, Range 32 East;

All Section 27; $N\frac{1}{2}$ and $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of 33; $W\frac{1}{2}$ of 35; Township 47 South, Range 32 East;

All Section 9, 13; $E\frac{1}{2}$ of 17; All 21, 24, 25, 26 and 36, Township 44 South, Range 33 East;

All Section 25, Township 43 South, Range 34 East;

$W\frac{1}{2}$; $NE\frac{1}{4}$; $N\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ and $SW\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$, Section 7; All Section 15, 19, 23, 27, 31 and 35, Township 44 South, Range 34 East;

All Section 3; $E\frac{1}{2}$ of 6; All 7, 11, 15, 18 19, 23, 27, 31, and 35, of Township 45 South, Range 34 East;

All Section 3, 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27, 31 and 35, of Township 46 South, Range 34 East;

All Section 3, 11, 15, 23, 27 and 35, of Township 47 South, Range 34 East;

Containing 45,300.95 acres, more or less.

Certified check of One per cent of amount bid must accompany all bids.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

Bids should be addressed to the Secretary and marked "BIDS FOR STATE LANDS."

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 4, 1924.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will receive competitive bids in open session, at 11 o'clock, A. M., Thursday, July 10, A. D. 1924, at Tallahassee, Florida, for the sale of the following tract of lands, situate and being in the County of Collier, State of Florida:

Description.	Sec.	Tp.	Rg.	Acres.
Lots 1, 2, and 3.....	32	52	27	16.78
All Unsurveyed	2	47	28	640.00
Unsurveyed NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$; S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$	31	48	29	440.00
Unsurveyed NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$; S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$; NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$;;	32	48	29	240.00
Unsurveyed E $\frac{1}{2}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of	15	47	30	480.00
Unsurveyed N $\frac{1}{2}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of	23	47	30	480.00
Unsurveyed W $\frac{1}{2}$	25	48	30	320.00
Unsurveyed	35	48	30	640.00
Unsurveyed	31	49	31	640.00
Containing 3,896.78 acres, more or less.				

Certified check for One per cent of amount bid must accompany all bids.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

Bids should be addressed to the Secretary and marked "BIDS FOR STATE LANDS."

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 29, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees having on March 25, 1924, given notice of their intention to sell by competitive bids the unsurveyed marsh lands in the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the fractional part of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5, Township 55 South, Range 41 East, situate and lying in Dade County, Florida, containing 102.14 acres, more or less, and notice having been given in compliance with Section 1062, of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, in an advertisement published in the Miami Herald, a newspaper published in the county in which said lands lie, and affidavit of such publication having been filed with the Trustees, protests from Edw. W. Spalding, of Washington, D. C., and John M. Murrell, of Miami, Florida, were filed against the sale of said lands. After discussion the Trustees decided that the protests did not constitute a legal objection to the sale, and upon motion, duly seconded and unanimously adopted, same were not sustained.

Whereupon, the Governor and Chairman stated that the Trustees were ready to accept bids. Mr. Gilbert bid \$50.00 per acre; Mr. Goodkind bid \$100.00; Mr. Van C. Swearingen bid \$105.00 and Mr. Goodkind bid \$150.00, which he raised to \$250.00 per acre. No further bids being received the land was sold to Mr. S. B. Goodkind, of Miami, Florida, at \$250.00 per acre, on terms of one-fourth cash upon delivery of deed, and balance in three equal annual payments, with 8 per cent interest on deferred payments. The Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to issue deed in accordance therewith to New York-Miami Realty Company.

The State Treasurer advised that he had a letter from Hon. M. D. Carmichael, of West Palm Beach, stating that he had entered into an arrangement with W. F. Greenwood, who purchased certain lands in Township 41 South, Range 38 East, from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund on August 7, 1922, to purchase from said Greenwood, Section 6 of Township 41 South, Range 38 East, provided a certain clause or provision in the contract between said Greenwood and said Trustees for the purchase of said land, which provided "that all conveyances or releases, under said contract, of lands should be in a contiguous body unless otherwise agreed to by both parties hereto," might be waived by the Trustees in so far as said Section 6 of said Township and Range was concerned.

The Trustees in considering this matter adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund did, on the 7th day of August, A. D. 1922, enter into a certain agreement with W. F. Greenwood, of Colorado Springs, State of Colorado, for the sale of the West Half of Township 41 South, Range 38 East, Palm Beach County, excepting only Section 4; and

WHEREAS, At a subsequent date, the Trustees did agree to sell to M. D. Carmichael Section 6 of said Township 41 South, Range 38 East, and did cause the same to be advertised according to law, and the said M. D. Carmichael assuming that he would secure title to said Section 6, did acquire land adjoining said Section 6; and

WHEREAS, The Trustees were unable to sell to said M. D. Carmichael said Section 6 by reason of the contract entered into with said W. F. Greenwood; and

WHEREAS, It appears that said W. F. Greenwood and associates are now willing to sell said Section 6 to said M. D. Carmichael, providing the Trustees will waive the proviso contained in paragraph 6 of said agreement made the 7th day of August, A. D. 1922, with W. F. Greenwood, which proviso requires that all conveyances made under said paragraph 6 shall be in a contiguous body unless otherwise agreed by both parties; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, that the provisions of said proviso in paragraph 6 of said agreement, made the 7th day of August, A. D. 1922, with the said W. F. Greenwood requiring all conveyances made under said paragraph 6 to be in a contiguous body, be and the same is hereby waived in so far as the same affects or concerns said Section 6, Township 41 South, Range 38 East, and that future conveyances to be made under and by virtue of said paragraph 6, need not be contiguous to said Section 6. Township 41 South, Range 38 East.

The Secretary was instructed to mail to Mr. Carmichael a copy of the action of the Trustees in this matter, including the resolution adopted.

The following bills were approved and checks ordered issued:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Land Clerk during April, 1924.....	\$ 250.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Secretary during April, 1924.....	66.66
J. B. Johnson, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Counsel during April, 1924.....	125.00
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Stenographer during April, 1924.....	41.66
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Tax Clerk during April, 1924.....	166.67
Fenton Blitch, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as assistant to Tax Clerk during April, 1924.....	90.00
Mrs. Carrie Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as assistant to Tax Clerk during April, 1924....	90.00

The Miami Herald, Miami, Fla. To advertising land sale for sale April 29, 1924.....	9.00
Homestead Enterprise, Homestead, Fla. To 1-year subscription to paper.....	2.00
Edwin Barnes, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla. To assisting Tax Clerk during April—10 days at \$3.00	30.00
Johnnie Bell, Tallahassee, Fla. To assisting Tax Clerk during April—12 days at \$3.00.....	36.00
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	\$ 906.99

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 13, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

Minutes of the Trustees of March 10th, 13th, 15th, 25th, 31st, April 4th, 10th, 22nd, 28th and 29th, read and approved.

Mr. C. W. Bell, of Bacom Point, Palm Beach County, appeared before the Trustees and stated that he and associates were desirous of purchasing 132 acres of land in Section 35, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, and offered \$25.00 per acre for same. After discussion it was decided to advertise the land for sale on May 31st, 1924, and the following advertisement was ordered inserted in the Palm Beach Post and Everglades News:

NOTICE.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 14, 1924.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 11 o'clock A. M., Saturday, May 31st, 1924, for the purpose of considering the sale of the following lands in Palm Beach County, Florida:

That tract or parcel of land situated East and South adjacent to Pelican Point, in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 26 and the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, in Township 42 South, Range 36 East, representing a tract approximately 5,000 feet long, North and South, and 770 feet wide, East and West, together with the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, containing approximately 132 acres, all situate in Palm Beach County, Florida.

Competitive bids for above land will be received at Tallahassee, at 11 o'clock A. M., Saturday, May 31st, 1924.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

The Trustees having directed the Secretary to advise the Vego Hair Manufacturing Company, of Gainesville, Florida, with whom they had entered into an agreement for the sale of Moss in the Dead Lakes on August 8, 1922, that they had failed to comply with their agreement by not executing a Surety Bond as required by Section 5 of said Agreement, and also to advise them that if same was not complied with immediately said contract would be canceled, the Secretary stated that he had, under date of April 11, 1924, advised said company, by letter, the action of the Trustees, but to date had received no reply. It was therefore, ordered that said agreement dated August 8, 1922, be and the same is hereby canceled and annulled.

The following proposition was presented by Mr. D. C. Harris, for the purchase of the Moss in the Dead Lakes in Calhoun County:

"Tallahassee, May 10th, '24.

The Trustees of the Internal
Improvement Fund of the State
of Florida.
Tallahassee.

Gentlemen:

Herewith I beg to submit an offer for the purchase of the moss on the Dead Lakes, Calhoun County, as follows:

I will enter into a contract now, to run for five years from November first this year and to be renewable on terms mutually agreeable, to pay at the rate of twenty-five cents per hundred pounds net weight, for all finished moss, (that is: all moss that has been ginned and prepared for the market) taken from the Dead Lakes and shipped by me or my assigns. The contract to vest in me the sole right to gather and remove moss from said Dead Lakes, during the term thereof.

I will agree to submit to cancellation of contract in the event that I fail within any one year from and after November first next, to pay to the State the minimum amount of three hundred dollars, which would be the equivalent of twenty-five cents a hundred pounds on a quantity of sixty tons of the said moss.

Within ninety days from the date of contract I will give bond in suitable amount.

I would want a provision in the contract making it optional with me at any time to terminate the same by outright purchase of the permanent rights to said moss for a spot cash payment equal in amount to the appraised value of same; said appraisal to be made by your own agent.

The contract to be assignable to an individual or group, or to a corporation.

As evidence of good faith, I attach hereto my check for \$25.00 payable to your order.

Respectfully,
(Signed) D. C. HARRIS."

Upon motion of Mr. Buford, seconded by Mr. Luning, the proposition of Mr. Harris was accepted and the Special Counsel requested to draw Agreement for sale of said moss in conformity therewith.

The following bills were approved and the Treasurer requested to issue checks in payment:

Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C., West Palm Beach, Fla. Redemption of Tax Certificates of Trustees in Palm Beach County.....	\$1,348.69
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Field Agent during April—21 days at \$200.00 per month	\$138.93
Expense account	173.97
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	\$ 312.90
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To services during April, 1924.....	8.91
Dixon-Carpenter Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To sup- plies furnished Trustees.....	9.30
Grant Furniture Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To Filing Case for Tax Clerk.....	62.50
Florida Abstract Company, West Palm Beach, Fla. Abstract of lands Sections 21 and 28, Township 43 S., R. 35 E.....	32.00
H. R. Kaufman, Tallahassee, Fla. Adjusting Typewriter for Tax Clerk.....	.75
Post Publishing Co., West Palm Beach, Fla. Notice of land sale—April 12, 19, 26 and May 3 and 10, 1924.....	18.00
Miami Herald Publishing Co., Miami, Fla. Notice of land sale—April 12, 19, 26, and May 3 and 10, 1924	8.25
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	\$1,801.30

Financial Statement for April, 1924, was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR APRIL, 1924.

Balance on hand April 1, 1924..	\$ 76,636.35	
Sale of Tax lands under Chapter 9131—1923 Acts	872.39	
Sale of Tax lands under Chapter 9131—1923 Acts	113.88	
Refund by Ben Sheppard, C. C. C., Dade Co.	1.55	
Interest on Deposits, Quarter end- ing March 31st.....	1,031.72	
From land sales (\$22,123.03) less 25% to State School Fund (\$5,530.76)	16,592.27	
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	\$ 95,248.16	
Less Disbursements	4,303.96	
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Balance May 1, 1924.....		\$ 90,944.20

RECAPITULATION.

Cash and Cash Items.....	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance in Banks.....	89,944.20	
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		\$ 90,944.20

BALANCE IN BANKS MAY 1, 1924.

Atlantic National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla.	\$ 6,027.91	
Barnett National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla.	11,687.94	
Florida National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla.	14,586.27	
First National Bank, Miami, Fla.	1,544.20	
First-American Bank & Trust Co., West Palm Beach, Fla.....	1,929.91	
Capital City Bank Tallahassee, Fla.	7,464.98	
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	3,920.38	
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	7,408.86	
Ft. Lauderdale Bank & Trust Co., Special, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla...	35,373.75	
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		\$ 89,944.20

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date 1924.	Check No.	In Favor of	Amount.
April 1	5159	C. B. Gwynn...\$	250.00
April 1	5160	J. Stuart Lewis.	66.66
April 1	5161	J. B. Johnson...	125.00
April 1	5162	Jentye Dedge ..	41.66
April 1	5163	J. B. Johnson...	59.99
April 1	5164	R. W. Ervin...	166.66
April 1	5165	Fenton Blitch ..	90.00
April 1	5166	Mrs. Carrie Er- vin	90.00
April 1	5167	Edwin Barnes Jr.	90.00
April 1	5168	Johnnie Bell ...	57.00
April 1	5169	Sue Papy	24.00
April 1	5170	T. J. Appleyard	4.75
April 1	5171	Dixon-Carpenter Co.	2.50
April 1	5172	National Surety Co., G. S. John- son, Agent	12.50
April 11	5173	The Miami Her- ald	9.00
April 11	5174	Miami News-Me- tropolis	7.80
April 11	5175	Western Union Telegraph Co. ..	1.29
April 11	5176	J. W. Williams	22.05
April 11	5177	Edward Key ...	5.00
April 11	5178	W. H. May, Post- master	22.00
April 23	5179	Sarasota Times.	15.00
April 23	5180	The Independent, St. Petersburg .	17.25
April 23	5181	Dixon-Carpenter Co.	6.50
April 23	5182	F. E. Fenno, Clk. Ct. Ct.	3.30
April 23	5183	B. & S. Sales Co.	5.00
April 23	5184	Underwood Typewriter Co..	50.05

Date 1924.	Check No.	In Favor of	Amount.
April 23—	5185—	The Everglades News	2.00
April 23—	5186—	T. J. Appleyard	19.60
April 23—	5187—	J. B. Johnson...	5.00
April 23—	5188—	Jerry W. Carter, Jr.	3.00
April 25—	5189—	R. B. McLendon, Tax Collector...	3,029.40
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			\$ 4,303.96

On April 29, 1924, Mr. J. L. Holmberg made application to purchase Fractional Section 7, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, for Louis G. Freeman, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and offered \$150.00 per acre, and said Trustees advised Mr. Holmberg that said offer would be accepted, provided immediate, (10 days) acceptance was made by purchaser.

Mr. Freeman appeared on this 13th day of May, and the sale was consummated, he paying \$5,000.00 cash and the balance as follows:

\$15,000.00 to be paid June 1, 1924;

\$25,714.00 to be paid July 1, 1924

with interest at 8 per cent on deferred payments from April 29, 1924. Deed to be issued upon final payment, July 1, 1924, and made to the First Trust and Savings Bank, Trustee for Louis G. Freeman.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 17, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were approved and checks ordered issued:

Board of Commissioners Everglades Drainage District, Tallahassee, Fla. Temporary loan..	\$26,000.00
J. B. Johnson, Tallahassee, Fla. To expense account on trip to South Florida—May 11th to 14th, 1924	74.63
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Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.
Chairman.

Attest:
J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 20, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. W. I. Evans, of Miami, appeared before the Trustees and the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, There are outstanding drainage tax certificates of the Everglades Drainage District for tax sales prior to the year 1920, on lands of the Everglades Sugar

and Land Company; Everglades Land Sales Company, and Everglades Land Company; and

WHEREAS, Under Chapter 9131, Acts of 1923, the said companies have the right to redeem said lands from Everglades Drainage District taxes by paying the amount of said certificates and all subsequent taxes, at the rate of 6 per cent per annum; and

WHEREAS, Mr. W. I. Evans, of Miami, representing the said companies, appeared before the Trustees, in session on this date, and paid to the Trustees on the redemption of such lands, the sum of \$15,000.00 and the Trustees having in hand belonging to said companies the sum of \$3,000.00 heretofore paid, making a total of cash in hand paid by said companies the sum of \$18,000.00; now, therefore,

IT IS AGREED by and between the Trustees and the said land companies that the said land companies shall have the right, for a period of six months from this date, to make redemptions of such lands as shall be selected by them; such redemptions to be paid for out of the \$18,000.00 cash in hand.

IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED, that if at the end of the said six months the entire amount of said \$18,000.00 has not been applied to redemption of lands as selected by the said companies, that the Trustees shall have the right to apply any balance of the said \$18,000.00 to the redemption of such lands as shall be designated by them.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, That none of the lands of the said three companies shall be advertised or offered for sale by the Trustees during the six months aforesaid. The said companies further agree that if, during the said six months period, they make sales of any of said lands, after taking care of cost of sales, commission, or taxes due on said lands, including State, County and Sub-Drainage district taxes, and reserving a reasonable amount for the incidental expenses of said companies, they will pay the balance of the amount of such purchase price to the Trustees on tax redemptions. That before, or at the expiration of the six months, the said companies agree to take up the balance of the outstanding taxes and tax certificates against said lands, or make arrangements satisfactory to the Trustees for carrying same.

The Trustees having advertised an Island in Key West Harbor, Monroe County, for sale on this date, as required by law, and affidavit of publication having been filed with the Secretary by the Key West Citizen, a newspaper published in the county in which said lands lie, and certain objections having been filed by the Navy Department of the United States, it was decided to postpone said sale until June 10th, 1924, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The sale of lands in Broward County, title to which had vested in the Trustees for non-payment of Everglades Drainage District taxes, said sale having been advertised as required by law in the Ft. Lauderdale Herald, a newspaper published in the county in which said lands lie, and affidavit of said publication filed with the Secretary, was considered and all bids on lands in Township 51 South. Range 39 East, were rejected.

The following bids were accepted and deeds ordered issued:

Description.	Sec.	Tp.	Rg.	Acres	
Tract 38 in N $\frac{1}{2}$	7	51	38	5	\$ 8.05
To David Schlueter.					
Tract 22	33	49	39	10	
Tract 29	13	50	39	20	\$54.12
To Sarah F. Kinyoun.					
Tract 55	13	50	39	20	\$36.13
H. E. Walter					
Tract 11	27	49	50	10	
Tract 17	31	50	40	10	\$43.02
To Phoenix Investment Co.					
Tract 28	27	50	40	10	\$23.20
Minnie Holmes.					
Tract 36	1	50	41	10	\$15.05
Lula G. Norman					
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	24	51	41	80	\$79.95
W. H. Terry.					

Description.	Sec.	Tp.	Rg.	Acres	
Tract 17, Block 94, Palm Beach Farms Co., Plat 3.. W. J. Dees.	—	—	—	20	\$17.93
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ George Harmon.	12	51	41	20	\$19.25

The sale of Tax Lands in Dade, Okeechobee and Palm Beach Counties, which were advertised for sale as required by law on this date, was postponed to May 31st, 1924, for further consideration.

The Trustees decided that in future no lands, title which had vested in the Trustees for non-payment of drainage taxes, would be sold for the amount of taxes and cost.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

J. C. LUNING, Treasurer,
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 22, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

A letter was presented to the Trustees from Mr. Frank B. Shutts, of Miami, asking if the Trustees would deed certain lands in Biscayne Bay on the East side, located in Section 28, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, to The Sunset Islands Company, and requesting the Trustees to give them a price on said lands.

The Trustees directed that Mr. A. R. Richardson, Field Agent, make an examination of the lands and submit a report to them in reference to their character, depth of water over them, and to ascertain their probable value for purposes of improvement.

The Trustees directed that Mr. Shutts be advised that an examination was being made of the lands as above, and that upon receipt of report covering the same he would be advised further.

A letter was presented from Mr. Bert R. Chaplin in reference to the purchase of certain lands in the Everglades located Northwest from Miami and offering \$10.00 per acre for the same. Trustees directed that Mr. Chaplin be advised that they did not consider \$10.00 per acre a sufficient price for the said land and declined his offer.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 30, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Land Clerk during May, 1924.....	\$ 250.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Secretary during May, 1924.....	66.66
J. B. Johnson, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Counsel during May, 1924.....	125.00

Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Florida. To salary as Stenographer during May, 1924.....	41.66
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Tax Clerk during May, 1924.....	166.67
Fenton Blitch, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as assistant to Tax Clerk during May, 1924.....	90.00
Mrs. Carrie Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as assistant to Tax Clerk during May, 1924.....	90.00
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Field Agent during May, 1924.....	200.00
Clifton G. Bailey, Key West, Fla. To Map of Key West Harbor, Bill of April 19, 1924.....	25.00
The Herald Company, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. To advertising land in Broward County for sale May 20, 1924.....	\$42.00
Display Advertisement lands in Broward County	1.50
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	43.50
D. A. Dixon Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To printing Tax Sale Deeds—Bill of May 17, 1924.....	6.50
Post Publishing Co., West Palm Beach, Fla. To advertising land for sale May 31st—2 issues..	4.50
Chicago Steel Tape Co., Chicago, Ill. To Steel Tape No. 101 and Eureka Repairs, plus postage	9.86
W. C. Dixon, Tallahassee, Fla. To freight and drayage on Drawing Table for Trustees.....	6.14
Carl E. Royer, LaBelle, Fla. Bill of costs in Shumard vs. Trustees—Ejectment suit.....	4.36
Eugene Dietzgen Co., New Orleans, La. To Drawing Table as per Invoice No. A-9013....	37.53
Citizen Publishing Co., Key West, Fla. To advertisement of submerged lands in Monroe County—5 issues.....	13.50
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	\$1,180.88

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 31, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.

Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

The Trustees met on this date to consider the sale of certain lands, title which had vested in them for non-payment of drainage taxes; the said lands lying in Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35, Township 51 South, Range 41 East, situate in Broward and Dade Counties. The lands having been advertised as required by law in the Ft. Lauderdale Herald, a newspaper published in Broward County, and the Miami Herald, a newspaper published in Dade County, and affidavit of such publication having been filed with the Trustees, Mr. J. L. Van Pelt presented a bid for 100 acres in Section 14, 666.67 acres in Section 34 and 457.95 acres in Section 35, Township 51 South, Range 41 East, which bid was ordered filed for further consideration when a quorum would be present.

Mr. Bell having, on May 14, 1921, offered the Trustees \$25.00 per acre for a parcel or tract of land situated East and South adjacent to Pelican Point in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 26, and the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, in Township 42 South, Range 36 East, containing approximately 132 acres in Palm Beach County, it was decided to advertise said land for sale on this date and the same was advertised. Mr. Bell appeared before the Trustees and stated that he would bid \$25.00 per acre for said land.

The Governor stated that he was of the opinion the Trustees would not consider a sale at that price. Whereupon, Mr. Bell requested the Trustees to set a price on the land and when such price was made to advise him and allow him ten days to consider the purchase of same. The above bids were ordered held for consideration at a later meeting, a quorum not being present.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 11, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees further considered the sale of Islands in Harbor of Key West, Monroe County, offered for sale May 20, 1924, and after discussion it was decided to withdraw the island from sale and reject all bids. The Secretary was instructed to return checks of bidders and advise them of the action of the Trustees.

Mr. John C. Sherman, representing Brown Company, of Portland, Maine, appeared before the Trustees with reference to exchanging lands owned by them for other lands of the Trustees. Whereupon, it was agreed to exchange Sections 23, 27 and 35, Township 45 South, Range 38 East, owned by Brown Company, for Sections 2, 4, 10, 12 and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, Township 45 South, Range 39 East, owned by the Trustees.

Lands advertised for sale in Dade, Okeechobee and Palm Beach Counties, title which had vested in the Trustees, were reconsidered and it was decided that where former owners of said land had produced evidence of ownership and applied for same prior to May 20, 1924, that their bids be accepted and deeds issued.

The matter of the bid made by Mr. Van Pelt on lands in Township 51 South, Range 41 East, was held in abeyance subject to a report from the Field Agent.

The sale of the land in Palm Beach County bid upon by Mr. Bell, May 31st, was considered and the Trustees decided to withhold action until a report from the Field Agent could be secured, at which time a price would be placed upon the lands.

Financial Statement for the month of May presented and ordered placed of record.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MAY, 1924.

Balance on hand May 1, 1924.....	\$ 90,944.20	
Sale of Tax Lands under Chapter		
9131, Acts of 1923.....	556.48	
Sale of Tax Lands under Chapter		
9131, Acts of 1923.....	2,732.18	
From Everglades Sugar & Land		
Co. (payment as per resolution of		
May 20, 1924).....	15,000.00	
From land sales (\$65,580.45) less		
25% to State School Fund		
(\$16,395.09)	49,185.36	
		\$158,418.22
Less Disbursements	31,170.41	
Balance June 1, 1924.....		\$127,247.81

RECAPITULATION.

Cash and Cash Items	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance in Banks.....	126,247.81	
		\$127,247.81

BALANCE IN BANKS JUNE 1, 1924.

Atlantic National Bank, Jackson-		
ville, Fla.	\$ 21,758.41	
Barnett National Bank, Jackson-		
ville, Fla.	13,702.28	

Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	29,856.38
First National Bank, Miami, Fla.	1,544.20
First-American Bank & Trust Co., West Palm Beach, Fla.....	1,929.91
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	10,753.64
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	3,920.38
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	7,408.86
Ft. Lauderdale Bank & Trust Co. Ft. Lauderdale, Special.....	35,373.75

\$126,247.81

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date 1924.	Check No.	In Favor of	Amount.
May 1	5190	C. B. Gwynn....\$	250.00
May 1	5191	J. Stuart Lewis..	66.66
May 1	5192	J. B. Johnson...	125.00
May 1	5193	Jentye Dedge....	41.66
May 1	5194	R. W. Ervin....	166.67
May 1	5195	Fenton Blitch...	90.00
May 1	5196	Mrs. Carrie Ervin	90.00
May 1	5197	The Miami Herald	9.00
May 1	5198	Homestead Enter- prise	2.00
May 1	5199	Edwin Barnes, Jr.	30.00
May 1	5200	Johnnie Bell....	36.00
May 10	5201	F. E. Fenno, Clk. Circuit Court....	1,348.69
May 14	5202	A. R. Richardson.	312.90
May 14	5203	Western Union Telegraph Co....	8.91
May 14	5204	Dixon - Carpenter Co.	9.30
May 14	5205	Grant Furniture Co.	62.50
May 14	5206	Florida Abstract Co.	32.00
May 14	5207	H. R. Kaufman..	.75
May 14	5208	Post Publishing Co.	18.00

Date	Check	In Favor of	Amount.
1924.	No.		
May 14—	5209—	Miami Herald Publishing Co. . .	8.25
May 19—	5210—	Board of Commrs. Ev. Dr. District acct. Temporary Loan	26,000.00
May 19—	5211—	J. B. Johnson....	74.63
May 21—	5212—	Carl E. Royer, Clk. Ct. Ct.....	394.14
May 26—	5213—	Alvin B. Crow, Tax Collector....	1,993.35
			<hr/> \$ 31,170.41

The following contract of June 1, 1924, was ordered placed of record:

TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT
FUND OF FLORIDA.

STATE OF FLORIDA,
CITY OF TALLAHASSEE.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida, under and by authority of Chapter 7894, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1919, for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty-five Cents (25c) per One Hundred Pounds, net weight, for all moss ginned and prepared for market and shipped or sold from Dead Lakes in Calhoun County, Florida, the price and consideration of Twenty-five Cents per One Hundred Pounds to be paid as hereinafter set forth, do hereby sell and convey to D. C. Harris, of Lee County, Florida, or assigns, the moss in the Dead Lakes in Calhoun County, Florida, together with the right, leave and license to enter upon and into the said Dead Lakes territory for a period of Five years from November 1st, 1924, for the purpose of gathering said moss and preparing same for shipment. This sale, lease and contract is made upon the following express terms and conditions:

1st: That the said D. C. Harris shall execute and file with the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida, by September 1st, 1924, a bond in the sum of

One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) with some Surety Company authorized to do business in Florida, as surety, or shall deposit with the said Trustees such securities in the sum of One Thousand Dollars as shall be satisfactory to said Trustees. Such bond or security to be conditioned: That the said D. C. Harris, or assigns, shall carry out and observe the terms and conditions of this contract and shall promptly and faithfully account and pay for all moss sold or shipped at the times and as provided for in this contract.

2nd: That the said D. C. Harris or his assigns shall on or before the 10th day of each month account and pay to the said Trustees for all said moss sold or shipped during the preceding month.

3rd: That the said D. C. Harris, or assigns, shall pay to the said Trustees a minimum amount of \$300.00 per year during the life of this contract, regardless of whether that amount of moss has been sold or shipped.

4th: That the said D. C. Harris or assigns will gather said moss with reasonable care to prevent waste thereof, and will gin and prepare for market all moss so gathered.

5th: That said D. C. Harris, or assigns, are hereby sold and granted the exclusive right to the moss in said Dead Lakes for the period of five years from November 1st, 1924, or until this contract be terminated under the terms hereof.

6th: The said D. C. Harris, or assigns, shall have the right, during the life of this contract, to make an outright purchase of all moss in said Dead Lakes by paying in cash the appraised value thereof; such appraisal to be made by the Agent or representative of said Trustees. Should an outright purchase of said moss be made, a reasonable length of time shall be given for gathering and removing same.

7th: This contract shall be subject to renewal upon such terms and conditions as shall be mutually agreed upon.

8th: That should the said D. C. Harris, or assigns, fail to comply with the terms of this contract, the Trustees reserve the right to cancel same upon giving Thirty (30) days' notice of their intention so to do.

9th: That should the said D. C. Harris sell or assign his rights under this contract, such sale or assignment

shall not be binding on the Trustees and shall convey no rights to the assignee until bond for One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) shall have been filed with the Trustees, conditioned as hereinbefore provided in paragraph numbered One hereof.

The said D. C. Harris, having paid to the Trustees the sum of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) as evidence of good faith on his part, the Trustees agree that the same shall be credited on the purchase price of the first year's output of mcgs.

This contract executed in duplicate, the Trustees retaining an original and the said D. C. Harris retaining an original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals this 1st day of June, A. D. 1924.

CARY A. HARDEE, (Seal)
Governor.

ERNEST AMOS, (Seal)
Comptroller.

J. C. LUNING, (Seal)
Treasurer.

RIVERS BUFORD, (Seal)
Attorney General.

NATHAN MAYO, (Seal)
Commissioner of Agriculture.

(SEAL)

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

D. C. HARRIS, (Seal)

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 27, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present :

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees considered the matter of Mr. J. L. Van Pelt's bid of \$25.00 per acre on lands in Section 14, Township 51 South, Range 41 East, Broward County, and Sections 34 and 35, Township 51 South, Range 41 East, in Dade County, made on May 31st, 1924, and decided that they would not accept same. The Secretary was instructed to advise Mr. Van Pelt.

The matter of 132 acres in Section 26, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, in Palm Beach County, which was advertised and offered for sale on May 31st, 1924, was considered, as Messrs. Bell, Johnson and Perry, of West Palm Beach, had on that date requested the Trustees to set a price on said land. The Field Agent made an inspection and reported on said land; whereupon, the Trustees instructed the Secretary to advise Messrs. Bell, Johnson and Perry that they would sell said land at \$150.00 per acre, subject to immediate acceptance.

The Trustees, having on June 4, 1924, ordered advertised 45,300.95 acres of land in Hendry County and 3,896.78 acres in Collier County, for sale on July 10th, 1924, upon motion duly seconded and adopted, ordered that said lands be withdrawn from sale, and the Secretary requested to discontinue advertisements of same.

The Secretary was requested to advise Brown Company, of Portland, Maine, and all parties who had filed protests to the sale of certain submerged lands in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, which was offered for sale June 28, 1923, that the Trustees would further consider this matter on July 10th, at 12 o'clock noon, and would give all interested parties a chance to be heard.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 30, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary during June, 1924	\$ 250.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Secretary, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary during June, 1924.....	\$66.66
Reimbursement for Township Plats....	6.00
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J. B. Johnson, Counsel, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary during June, 1924.....	125.00
A. R. Richardson, Field Agent, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary during June, 1924.....	\$200.00
Expense account	243.20
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Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary during June, 1924	41.66
R. W. Erwin, Tax Clerk, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary during June, 1924	166.66
Fenton Blitch, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary assisting Tax Clerk during June, 1924.....	90.00
Mrs. Carrie Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary assisting Tax Clerk during June, 1924.....	90.00
Edwin Barnes, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla. Salary for 13 days during June, assisting Tax Clerk—\$3.00 per day.....	39.00

J. L. Markham, Clerk Circuit Court, Lake City, Fla. Taxes on State land in Columbia County	34.97
B. D. Sturkie, Sheriff, Dade City, Fla. Fees in Tresspass case of Dowling Company.....	200.00
Fred E. Fenno, Clerk Circuit Court, West Palm Beach, Fla. Cost deposit in Trustees vs. Geer & Chillingsworth and Hardee vs. W. W. Harris, et al.	10.00
Dixon-Carpenter Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To printing Deeds for Trustees and Township Plats for Tax Clerk	39.00
T. J. Appleyard, Tallahassee, Fla. Printing Receipt Books	4.75
H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla. 1 Lion Head Seal for Department of Agriculture....	10.10
C. S. Dishong, Sheriff, Wauchula, Fla. Cost in case of Hardee vs. Wm. W. Harris, et al.....	1.85
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	\$1,618.85

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 10, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Minutes of May 13th, 17th, 20th, 22nd, 30th, 31st; June 11th, 27th and 30th, read and approved.

The Trustees having on June 28, 1923, offered for sale a certain island or submerged tract of land in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, Florida, at which time Brown Com-

pany, of Portland, Maine, bid \$500.00 per acre for the same, a number of parties and the City of Miami and Miami Beach, through their Attorney, Hon. W. H. Price, protested against the sale of said land, the matter was deferred to some future date.

At a meeting held on the 27th day of June, the said Trustees decided to take action on the said sale, July 10th, 1924, and the Secretary was instructed to advise the Brown Company and parties who had filed protest to be present on this date.

Further consideration was entered into on this date and W. H. Price and other parties presented various reasons for the sale not to be made. Mr. John G. Sherman, representing Brown Company, asked that sale be made to his company. After discussion the Trustees rejected the bid of Brown Company, and the Secretary was instructed to return their check of \$1,000.00 which accompanied their bid June 28, 1923.

Protests were filed, and the land ordered re-advertised for sale on Thursday, August 14, 1924.

Mr. W. H. Price stated that Mr. J. L. Billingsley and Miami Real Estate Company (Mr. Rand), who had purchased lands in Section 9 and 16, Township 54 South, Range 42 East, and deeds Nos. 17143 and 17144 were issued on March 1st, 1924, were of the opinion that the acreage was incorrect and asked that a survey of same be made by the Trustees. Then if said survey showed more or less acreage, that the deeds be made to conform with said survey and price be made more or less according to survey. The Trustees agreed to the request and instructed Mr. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer, to have the survey made.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Everglades Publishing Co., Everglades, Fla. To advertising land for sale Collier County—4 issues	\$ 6.25
The Fort Myers Press, Ft. Myers, Fla. To advertising land for sale in Hendry and Collier Counties	8.00
Miami Herald Publishing Co., Miami, Fla. To advertising land in Collier and Hendry Counties	8.75

Post Publishing Co., West Palm Beach, Fla. To foreclosure Notice in Hector Harris Mortgage	15.00
H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla. To Charts for Field Agent.....	9.27
John W. Williams, Tallahassee, Fla. To inspect lands for Trustees July 1st to 3rd, incl....	25.91
D. A. Dixon Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To 2 Desk Files for Tax Clerk—Bill of May 19, 1924.....	3.50
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To service during June, 1924.....	4.48
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	\$ 81.16

Financial Statement for June, 1924, was read and ordered placed of record.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JUNE, 1924.

Balance on hand June 1, 1924....	\$127,247.81
From Board of Cmomissioners Ev- erglades Drainage District ac- count settlement of temporary loan	26,000.00
Sale of Tax lands, title to which had vested in Trustees of the In- ternal Improvement Fund.....	5,529.43
Sale of Minutes	2.00
From land sales (\$111,624.29) less 25% to State School Fund (\$27,906.05)	83,718.24
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	\$242,497.48
Less Disbursements	\$ 1,608.99
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Balance July 1, 1924.....	\$240,888.49

RECAPITULATION.

Cash and Cash Items.....	\$ 1,000.00
Balance in Banks.....	239,888.49
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	\$240,888.49

BALANCE IN BANKS JULY 1, 1924.

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$127,103.93
Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	18,075.00
Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	28,247.39
First National Bank, Miami, Fla. . .	1,544.20
First-American Bank & Trust Co., West Palm Beach, Fla.	1,929.91
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	10,755.64
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. .	3,920.38
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. .	12,938.29
Ft. Lauderdale Bank & Trust Co., Ft. Lauderdale	35,373.75

\$239,888.49

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date 1924.	Check No.	In Favor of	Amount.
June	2-5214	C. B. Gwynn	\$ 250.00
June	2-5215	J. Stuart Lewis	66.66
June	2-5216	J. B. Johnson	125.00
June	2-5217	Jentya Dedge	41.66
June	2-5218	R. W. Ervin	166.67
June	2-5219	Fenton Blitch	90.00
June	2-5220	Mrs. Carrie Ervin	90.00
June	2-5221	A. R. Richardson	200.00
June	2-5222	Clifton G. Bailey	25.00
June	2-5223	The Herald Co.	43.50
June	2-5224	D. A. Dixon & Co.	6.50
June	2-5225	Post Publishing Co.	4.50
June	2-5226	Chicago Steel Tape Co.	9.86
June	2-5227	W. C. Dixon	6.14
June	2-5228	Carl E. Royer	4.36
June	2-5229	Eugene Dietzgen Co.	37.53
June	2-5230	Citizen Publishing Co.	13.50

Date	Check	In Favor of	Amount.
1924.	No.		
June	9—5231—	The Miami Herald	28.92
June	9—5232—	Okeechobee News	7.50
June	9—5233—	Western Union Telegraph Co...	7.93
June	9—5234—	Tallahassee Furniture Co.	8.50
June	9—5235—	T. J. Appleyard.	4.00
June	9—5236—	W. H. May, Postmaster	15.00
June	9—5237—	A. R. Richardson	327.51
June	9—5238—	D. L. McLaughlin	9.75
June	9—5239—	Everglades News	4.50
June	10—5240—	B. F. Hampton..	14.50
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			\$ 1,608.99

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 11, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

It was brought to the attention of the Trustees that they on May 1, 1885, undertook to convey by deed, the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27, Township 30 South, Range 18 East, and that such deed of conveyance was made to the heirs of Thomas M. Nix; and

WHEREAS, The Trustees were advised that no grantee having been named in said deed, it raised the question of good and sufficient title and the present owners of said land asked that the Trustees cure the defect as above stated; therefore,

IT WAS ORDERED, that quit-claim deeds from the Trustees to the present owners of said land be executed and delivered as follows:

Quit-claim deed to C. D. Dennis to the $N\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27, Township 30 South, Range 18 East; and

Quit-claim deed to T. M. Jones to the $S\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27, Township 30 South, Range 18 East.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 12, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. C. L. Wilder appeared before the Trustees and requested them to modify their Agreement as per Minutes of July 19, 1922, to allow him to purchase lands in tracts of less than 40 acres. After consideration of the proposition the Trustees unanimously decided to make no change in their contract and former action.

Mr. D. R. McNeill appeared before the Trustees and stated that he desired to purchase certain lands along Lake Okeechobee for a Hotel site and Municipal improve-

ments and that there were certain squatters on State lands in that locality who were also desirous of purchasing the lands upon which they had made improvements.

After discussing the various phases and conditions, the Trustees decided to advertise the lands for sale at public sale by competitive bids on August 14, 1924, and the Secretary was instructed to place the following advertisement in the Okeechobee News, the Miami Herald and the Palm Beach Post:

STATE LAND FOR SALE.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUY LAND ON THE LAKE SHORE ALONG CONNERS HIGHWAY AT OKEECHOBEE.

The Trustees will offer for sale to the highest bidder, at 11 o'clock A. M., Thursday, August 14, 1924, at Tallahassee, Florida, in the Governor's office, the following tracts of land:

Description of Tract in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, Township 38 South, Range 35 East, consisting of five (5) lots having their frontage upon Lake Okeechobee and of the following approximate dimensions:

Lot "A"—225 ft. East and West by 860 feet North and South, and on the East bordering Parrott Avenue, running South from the City of Okeechobee, containing 2.8 acres, more or less.

Lot "B"—209 ft. East and West by 1078 feet North and South, and adjoining Lot "A" on the East, containing 5.2 acres, more or less.

Lot "C"—450 ft. East and West by 1257 feet North and South, and adjoining Lot "B" on the East, containing 13.0 acres, more or less.

Lot "D"—356 ft. East and West by 1457 feet North and South, and adjoining Lot "C" on the East, containing 11.9 acres, more or less.

Lot "E"—302 ft. East and West by 1598 feet North and South, and adjoining Lot "D" on the East, containing 11.1 acres, more or less.

Also a tract being a fractional part of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, lying South of Government Lot "2," having approximate dimensions of 1320

feet East and West by an average of 780 feet North and South, the said lot fronting upon Lake Okeechobee, excepting and omitting from the same a strip 66 feet wide running in an Easterly and Westerly direction through the said lot, the same being right-of-way for a road known as "CONNERS HIGHWAY," containing 21.8 acres, more or less.

The Trustees reserve the right to make such modifications in the description of the above lot or dimensions of the same for deed as they may deem advisable.

TERMS: One-fourth cash and balance in three equal annual payments, with 8 per cent interest on deferred payments.

Sixty feet will be reserved for road through the property.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 16, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Hunter, of Pahokee, having appeared before the Trustees on June 13, 1924, representing parties who had settled on lands in Fractional Section 13, Township 42.

South, Range 36 East, presented a plat of said lands and asked that the Plat be accepted as showing the location of the various parties interested. The Trustees referred the Plat to Mr. F. C. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer, with request that he make an accurate plat of same.

Mr. Elliot having perfected the said plat of Section 13, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, it was presented and officially adopted by the Trustees and ordered placed of record in Palm Beach County. This map represents lots and tracts formerly agreed by the Trustees to be sold to parties located thereon at a price of \$500.00 per acre for the Lots and \$300.00 per acre for the Tracts. The plat further set aside and designated a lot for a cemetery. This cemetery lot was dedicated by the Trustees to the town of Pahokee as a permanent reservation.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 22, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were approved and the Treasurer requested to issue checks to cover :

Rivers Buford, Tallahassee, Fla. Expenses on trip to opening Conners Highway, July 3, 1924	\$ 62.77
The Menge Pump & Machinery Co., Ltd., New Orleans, La. To pump per Invoice No. 546, June 4, 1924.....	340.00
D. A. Dixon & Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To 2 Minute Binders, July 18, 1924.....	4.50
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	\$ 407.27

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 31, 1924

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary during July, 1924, as Land Clerk.....	\$ 250.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Secretary during July, 1924.....	66.66
J. B. Johnson, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Counsel during July, 1924.....	\$125.00
To expense account trip to Miami.....	91.71
	<hr/> 216.71
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Field Agent during July, 1924.....	200.00
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary during July, 1924	41.66
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Tax Clerk during July, 1924.....	166.66
Fenton Blitch, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as assistant to Tax Clerk during July, 1924.....	90.00
Mrs. Carrie Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as assistant to Tax Clerk during July, 1924.....	90.00
Edwin Barnes, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla. To salary assisting Tax Clerk during July, 1924—7 days at \$3.00 per day.....	21.00
	<hr/> \$1,142.69

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 1, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Special Counsel was instructed to draw deed to Brown Company to Sections 23, 27 and 35, Township 45 South, Range 38 East, Brown Company having conveyed Sections 2, 4, 10, 12 and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 14, Township 45 South, Range 39 East, to the said Trustees in exchange for the first described land.

It was ordered that Mr. A. R. Richardson, Field Agent, survey submerged lands in Section 22, Township 54 South, Range 41 East, which has been filled-in and was used by the Government during the World War as an annex to the Aviation Field; said land being located along the West shore of Biscayne Bay.

The Trustees instructed Mr. Johnson, Special Counsel, to proceed to Washington, D. C., and take up with the proper authorities the matter of re-survey of lands in Township 55 South, Range 41 East, with a view of getting the Department to refuse to approve the survey.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 5, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

A. R. Richardson, Field Agent, Tallahassee, Fla.	
To expense account from June 29th to July 31st, inclusive	\$ 487.31
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee. To services during July, 1924.....	7.46
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	\$ 494.77

Financial Statement for the month of July read and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JULY, 1924.

Balance on hand July 1, 1924....	\$240,888.49
Interest due June 30, 1924, on Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District 6% Bonds	435.00
Interest on deposits: quarter ending June 30, 1924.....	936.36
From land sales (\$21,389.19) less 25% to State School Fund (\$5,347.29)	16,041.90
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	\$258,301.75
Less Disbursements	7,253.82
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Balance August 1, 1924.....	\$251,047.93

RECAPITULATION.

Cash and Cash Items.....	\$ 1,000.00
Balance in Banks	250,047.93
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	\$251,047.93

BALANCE IN BANKS AUGUST 1, 1924.

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$125,627.26
Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	28,668.17
Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	28,424.35
First National Bank, Miami, Fla.	1,555.78
First-American Bank & Trust Co., West Palm Beach, Fla.	1,943.10
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	11,259.50
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	3,949.78
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	12,995.67
Ft. Lauderdale Bank & Trust Co., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Special...	35,624.32
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	\$250,047.93

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date	Check	In Favor of	Amount.
1924.	No.		
July	1-5241	C. B. Gwynn....\$	250.00
July	1-5242	J. Stuart Lewis..	72.66
July	1-5243	J. B. Johnson....	125.00
July	1-5244	A. R. Richardson	443.20
July	1-5245	Jentye Dedge....	41.66
July	1-5246	R. W. Ervin....	166.66
July	1-5247	Fenton Blitch...	90.00
July	1-5248	Mrs. Carrie Ervin	90.00
July	1-5249	Edwin Barnes,	
		Jr.	39.00
July	1-5250	J. L. Markham,	
		Clk. Ct. Ct.	34.97
July	1-5251	D. B. Sturkie,	
		Sheriff	200.00
July	1-5252	F. E. Fenno....	10.00
July	1-5253	Dixon - Carpenter	
		Co.	39.00
July	1-5254	T. J. Appleyard.	4.75
July	1-5255	H. & W. B. Drew	
		Co.	10.10

Date 1924.	Check No.	In Favor of	Amount.
July 1	5256	C. A. Dishong, Sheriff	1.85
July 5	5257	Alvin B. Crow, T. C.	2,282.30
July 7	5258	R. B. McLendon, T. C.	112.63
July 11	5259	Everglades Pub- lishing Co.	6.25
July 11	5260	The Fort Myers Press	8.00
July 11	5261	Miami Herald Publishing Co....	8.75
July 11	5262	Post Publishing Co., West Palm Beach	15.00
July 11	5263	H. & W. B. Drew Co.	9.27
July 11	5264	J. W. Williams..	25.91
July 11	5265	D. A. Dixon Co..	3.50
July 11	5266	Western Union Telegraph Co. ..	4.48
July 22	5267	Rivers Buford..	62.77
July 22	5268	Menge Pump & Machinery Co., Ltd.	340.00
July 22	5269	D. A. Dixon Co..	4.50
July 28	5270	A. B. Crow, T. C.	1,490.84
July 30	5271	A. B. Crow, T.C.	1,260.77

\$ 7,253.82

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 11, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met
on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.

J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

It being necessary to have additional land for the Everglades Experiment Station, located in Section 3, Township 44 South, Range 37 East, and as that portion of Section 3 North of the Canal is owned by Bryan and Greenwood, Mr. Bryant being present stated he would be glad to exchange said lands in Section 3 for an equal acreage elsewhere. Whereupon it was agreed to exchange the South Half of Section 23, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 19, Township 42 South, Range 38 East, containing an acreage of 480 acres, for all of Section 3 North of Hillsboro Canal containing 454.56 acres, more or less.

The Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to issue deed for Trustees' land, upon receipt of deed from Bryant and Greenwood, to Section 3, Township 44 South, Range 37 East.

It was decided by the Trustees to issue proxy to Mr. Fred Flanders, of Moore Haven, to represent them at the land owners' meeting of the Newhall Drainage District, and the following proxy was executed:

PROXY.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That Fred Flanders is authorized and instructed to cast the vote of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for Three (3) Supervisors to be elected at the land owners' meeting of Newhall Drainage District to be held at Moore Haven, Florida, on August 26th, 1924. Number of acres owned by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to be voted by him.

CARY A. HARDEE,
Governor and Chairman Trustees
of the Internal Improvement
Fund and Board of Commis-
sioners of Everglades Drainage
District.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 12, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees having advertised certain lands, title which had vested in them for non-payment of Drainage Taxes, for sale on this date, the following bids were accepted and deeds issued:

BROWARD COUNTY.

Tract.	Sec.	Tp.	Rg.	A.		
29	35	48	39	20	O. E. Bergland,	\$27.22
4	17	50	39	10	J. F. Burke...	20.60
11	31	51	40	10	Robt. Brydon..	14.85
54, Blk. 88, P. B.						
F. Co., Plat 3..				5	J. R. Keene...	8.75
83	4	51	39	5	Charles Dommer	7.28

GLADES COUNTY.

38	25	42	31	10	H. G. Gates...	\$23.04
27	13	42	32	10	R. E. Kurtz...	27.87

PALM BEACH COUNTY.

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of					S. H. Hender-	
SE $\frac{1}{4}$	19	43	35	10	shot	\$28.45

Tract.	Sec.	Tp.	Rg.	A.	
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of					Mrs. M. G. Mat-
SW $\frac{1}{4}$	1	45	35	10	ticks 21.75
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of					
SW $\frac{1}{4}$	21	45	35	10	H. H. Screen.. 24.12
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of					
NE $\frac{1}{4}$	29	45	35	10	A. C. Chewing. 23.15
1	33	46	39	40	Daisy D. Moss. 52.95
3	34	47	42	16	Irene Behnke.. 32.26
94, Blk. 29, P. B.					
F. Co., Plat 3..					
2, Blk. 68, P. B.					
F. Co., Plat 3..					
30, Blk. 74, P. B.					
F. Co., Plat 3..				20	J. T. Fortin... 31.75
38, Blk. 34, P. B.					
F. Co., Plat 3..				10	J. W. Kinney.. 14.85
32, Blk. 52, P. B.					
F. Co., Plat 3..				10	D. S. Wilson.. 14.63
112, Blk. 78, P. B.					
F. Co., Plat 3..				5	Nellie Cannon. 11.50

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 14, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees having ordered advertised for sale on this day the following:

A submerged tract, island or shallow bank lying in Sections 4 and 5 of Township 54 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, Florida, containing 17.7 acres, more or less,

as required by Law, in the Miami Herald, a newspaper published in the county in which said lands lie, discussed the proposition of Brown Company, of Portland, Maine, to purchase same. This land having been offered for sale heretofore on July 10, 1924, at which time protest was filed against said sale, the same protest was maintained by Mr. W. H. Price in behalf of Miami Beach and Miami, but Mr. Price stated that he would use his influence to have the objectors aid the Brown Company in securing a location in Biscayne Bay for Dock Terminals. The Trustees advised Mr. Sanderson, who represented Brown Company, that should he desire to purchase ten acres on North Virginia Key they would sell same to Brown Company at the price originally agreed upon by said Trustees for the present island or shallow bank, and if Brown Company desired to purchase said ten acres, would advertise the said lands for sale as required by law. Upon motion duly adopted this 17.7 acres as advertised for sale on this date was withdrawn from sale. The Carl Fisher interest (Peninsula Company) having stated that the sale of the island would be a detriment to their property and harbor improvements, the Trustees agreed to issue said Fisher interest (Peninsula Company) a permit to remove said island for and in consideration of the sum of \$5,000.00, the same to be removed in five years from date; provided, however, should any unforeseen event transpire to delay such removal, an extension of time would be granted by said Trustees.

The Trustees having advertised five lots for sale on Lake Okeechobee South of Okeechobee City to be sold at auction, the Governor asked for bids on same with the following results:

Lot A—4.93 acres, high bid was by Mr. Miller, who was living on the land, \$3,560.00.

Lot B—5.16 acres, high bid was by Mr. Carmichael, \$2,160.00. Mr. W. H. Harden who was living on the property bid \$2,100.00.

Lot C—12.97 acres, high bid was by G. C. Dur-
rance who was living on the property, \$1,705.00.

Lot D—11.90 acres, high bid was by D. Albert
Spear who was living on the property, \$1,100.00.

Lot E—11.08 acres, high bid was by M. F. Scott
who was living on the property, \$1,110.00.

The Trustees decided to consider the bids and advise the
bidders as to acceptance or rejection.

Following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Palm Beach Post, West Palm Beach, Fla. To advertisement of sale of lands August 12.....	\$ 12.00
Miami Herald, Miami, Fla. To advertisement sale of lands August 12	\$17.25
To advertisement sale of lands Aug. 14, 21.84	
	<hr/> 39.09
Okeechobee News, Okeechobee, Fla. To advertise- ment sale of lands August 14.....	9.00
Ft. Lauderdale Sentinel, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. To advertisement of lands for sale August 12....	9.00
Fred E. Fenno, Clerk Circuit Court, West Palm Beach, Fla. To Certified copy Hardin vs. Geer & Chillingsworth90
J. B. Johnson, Tallahassee, Fla. To expenses in- curred account trip to Washington, D. C., August 3-24, 1924.....	113.32
Total	<hr/> \$ 183.31

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Pahokee, Florida, August 18, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met
on this date at Pahokee on the South Shore of Lake Okee-
chobee.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
 Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees met at Pahokee for the purpose of settling disputes and disposing of certain lots and tracts of land in fractional Section 13, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, according to plat adopted by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund July 16, 1924, and on file in the office of the Chief Drainage Engineer at Tallahassee, Florida.

The persons interested in the purchase of said lots and tracts being present, or represented by agents, it was publicly announced by the Attorney General for the Trustees that the lots would be sold for \$500.00 each and that the tracts adjoining and beyond the lots would be sold \$300.00 per acre on the usual terms of one-fourth cash and one-fourth annually thereafter with 8 per cent interest thereon, and that where only one person was occupying any lot or tract, or interested in the purchase of the same, that such person would be given the option to buying it at the prices mentioned, but where two or more persons were occupying or holding claims to any one lot and tract, that the Trustees would decide as to which one was entitled to preference.

In accordance with this understanding the Trustees proceeded to hear the claimants of each tract, and after hearing the same and upon consideration of the statements made in connection with the same, disposed of such lots and tracts to the persons named hereafter, as follows:

Lot 1, Tract 1, to Carmen Salvatore, Pahokee.

Lot 2, Tract 2, to Walter M. Forbis, 981 Islington St.,
 Toledo, Ohio.

Lot 3, Tract 3, to Thomas Hunter, Pahokee.

Lot 4, Tract 4, to Mrs. D. S. Spooner, Pahokee.

Lot 5, Tract 5, to L. T. Keen, Pahokee.

Lot 6, Tract 6, to Anton Hansen, Pahokee.

Lot 7, Tract 7, to Cleveland Arrington, Pahokee.

Lot 8, Tract 8, to Willard R. Bailey, Pahokee.

Lot 9, Tract 9, to Dr. D. S. Spooner, Pahokee.

Lot 10, Tract 10, to W. T. Writtenberry, Pahokee.

Lot 11, Tract 11, to I. J. Zimmerman, Moore Haven.

Lot 12, Tract 12, to C. L. Branch, Plant City.
 Lot 13, Tract 13, to L. W. Ludlam, Pahokee.
 Lot 14, Tract 14, to T. A. Waits, Pahokee.
 Lot 15, Tract 15, to C. E. Johnston, Pahokee.
 Lot 16, Tract 16, to Claude Waiters, Pahokee.
 Lot 17, to L. M. Carver, Pahokee.
 Lot 18, to A. B. McDowell, Pahokee.

All of the persons to whom said lots and tracts were sold signified their acceptance of the same, and the Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to make deeds as above.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,
 Acting Chairman.

Attest:

J. C. LUNING, Treasurer,
 Acting Secretary.

Okeechobee, Florida, August 19, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date at Okeechobee.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
 Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees met to consider the sale of lots in part of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, Township 38 South, Range 35 East, as per plat made by R. E. Willis, County Surveyor, July 2, 1924, and filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, on which bids were received by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund at Tallahassee on August 14, 1924.

The bid of Phil H. Miller, of Okeechobee, Florida, on Lot "A," containing 4.93 acres, for \$3,560.00 was accepted.

The bid of M. D. Carmichael, representing W. J. Conners, on Lot "B," 5.16 acres, for \$2,160.00 was accepted.

And also lots in part of Section 4, Township 38 South, Range 35 East, as per plat made by R. E. Willis, County Surveyor, July 8, 1924.

The bid of G. C. Durrance, of Okeechobee, Fla., on Lot "C" was not accepted.

The bid of D. A. Spear, of Okeechobee, Fla., on Lot "D" was not accepted.

The bid of M. F. Scott, of Okeechobee, Fla., on Lot "E" was not accepted.

A price of \$400.00 per acre was placed on the last three named lots for early acceptance by the occupants thereof if they so desired.

Messrs. M. D. Carmichael and W. L. McGriff, representing W. J. Conners, proposed to buy the strip of land between Mr. Conners' holdings and the Lake. After consideration the Trustees decided to sell the strip of reclaimed lake bottom land lying between the upland owner's property line and the waters of Lake Okeechobee at a contour line to be established at the 17 ft. level, at \$35.00 per acre, such being considered a fair price.

Mr. Glenn V. Scott was directed to have such line surveyed and established as soon as possible.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

J. C. LUNING, Treasurer,
Acting Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 27, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees having agreed to sell to Brown Company, of Portland, Maine, 12 acres, more or less, of submerged land in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, Florida, at \$500.00 per acre, the following advertisement was ordered inserted in the Miami Herald, a newspaper published in the county in which the land lies, for thirty days as required by law:

NOTICE.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 27, 1924.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 11 o'clock A. M., October 2, 1924, for the purpose of considering the sale of the following described land in Dade County:

A tract of land or shallow bottom situated in Section 9, Township 54 South, Range 42 East, and located as follows:

From the Southeast corner of Section 9, Township 54 South, Range 42 East, as established by Wm. H. Richards, U. S. Deputy Surveyor, in 1916 and 1917, on Virginia Key, run West along the Section line 612 feet, thence North $9^{\circ} 50'$ West 1068 feet along the Northeasterly boundary of the Rand tract, thence continuing along said boundary North $50^{\circ} 50'$ West 3232 feet, thence North $9^{\circ} 50'$ West 1365 feet to a point of beginning.

The point of beginning being further referenced as follows: From the concrete "Monument F" on the South boundary of the Government Reservation, run North $65^{\circ} 13'$ West 1653 feet, thence South $80^{\circ} 04'$ West 3383 feet, to the said point of beginning.

From the said POINT OF BEGINNING,
Run South $88^{\circ} 04'$ West, 800 feet,
Thence South 600 feet,
Thence East 908.2 feet,
Thence North $9^{\circ} 50'$ West 636.3 feet, to the point of beginning.

Said tract located in Section 9, Township 54 South, Range 42 East, and containing 12.04 acres, more or less.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present the same as therein prescribed.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

The Chief Ddainage Engineer presented Plat of survey of part of Section 4, Township 38 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County, and same was officially adopted by the Trustees.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture, Tallahassee, Fla. Expense account on trip to Pahokee and Okeechobee.....	\$ 51.41
C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Land Clerk during August, 1924.....	250.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Secretary during August, 1924.....	66.66
J. B. Johnson, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Counsel during August, 1924.....	125.00
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Field Agent during August, 1924.....	200.00
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Stenographer during August, 1924.....	41.66
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Tax Clerk during August, 1924.....	166.67
Fenton Blitch, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Clerk in Tax Department, during August, 1924	90.00
Mrs. Carrie Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary assisting Tax Clerk during August, 1924.....	90.00
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. To expense account for month of August as Field Agent..	202.22
J. C. Luning, Tallahassee, Fla. To expense account on trip to Pahokee and Okeechobee on Trustee matters	61.75
Ernest Amos, Comptroller, Tallahassee, Fla. To expense account on trip to Pahokee and Okeechobee, August 15 to 20.....	58.66

D. A. Dixon Company, Tallahassee, Fla. To 500 bill size Folders.....	8.00
W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla. To stamps for Secretary's office.....	10.00
Rivers Buford, Attorney General, Tallahassee, Fla. To expense account on trip to Pahokee and Okeechobee	63.71
	<hr/> \$1,485.74

The following Agreement between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the Florida East Coast Railway Company was adopted and executed:

AGREEMENT.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT made and entered into this 27th day of August, A. D. 1924, by and between Cary A. Hardee, Governor; Ernest Amos, Comptroller; J. C. Luning, State Treasurer; Rivers Buford, Attorney General; and Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture, of and composing the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, as such officials, their successors and their successors in office, as parties of the first part, hereinafter referred to as the "TRUSTEES," and Florida East Coast Railway Company, a Corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, for itself, its successors and assigns, as the party of the second part, hereinafter referred to as the "COMPANY,"

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Said Trustees in their official capacity (the personnel of said Board of Trustees being the same as above named except that W. A. McRae was Commissioner of Agriculture instead of the above-named Nathan Mayo) and said Company heretofore on the 14th day of June, A. D. 1922, made and entered into an agreement concerning the granting of a right-of-way by the Trustees to the Company for an extension of the line of railway of said Company from Okeechobee, Florida, to a southern terminus at or near the City of Miami, or the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and

WHEREAS, The said Trustees and the said Company heretofore on the 22nd day of July, A. D. 1922, made and entered into a certain supplemental agreement modifying

and amending said original contract in certain particulars described and set forth in said supplemental agreement; and

WHEREAS, It was provided in said original agreement that any delay suffered by the Company in receiving certificate of public convenience from the Interstate Commerce Commission granting permission to construct said line of railway should be taken into consideration in determining the time allowed said Company for the completion of said line of railway in and under said contract; and it was further provided that any delay experienced or time lost in the construction of said railroad resulting from restraints of public authorities and litigation as to the right of the Trustees to grant said right-of-way, or any part thereof, to the Company, should be deducted from the time allowed for the building of said railroad by the Company under said contract; and

WHEREAS, Said Company experienced delay in the granting of said certificate of public convenience by said Interstate Commerce Commission, the application of said Company for said certificate not having been decided by said Commission until January 10, 1923; and

WHEREAS, Southern States Land & Timber Company, a corporation, on the 4th day of May, 1923, instituted in the United States District Court in and for the Southern District of Florida, its suit against said Company, contesting the title of said Company to a portion of the right-of-way granted to it by said Trustees, and secured a temporary injunction and restraining order enjoining the construction of said line of railroad on and over a portion of said right-of-way granted to said Company by said Trustees, and afterwards secured an interlocutory injunction and restraining order to the same effect which said interlocutory injunction and restraining order continued in force and effect until the 14th day of February, 1924, at which time said suit was dismissed pursuant to amicable adjustment thereof between the complainant and the defendant thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, This second Supplemental Agreement made and entered into by and between the parties aforesaid.

WITNESSETH:

That the parties hereto in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars by each to the other paid, receipt of same being hereby acknowledged, and in further consideration

of the mutual covenants and agreements set forth in said agreement dated June 14, 1922, and in consideration of the premises recited herein, hereby covenant and agree as follows:

(1)

The Section numbered "Four" of said original agreement dated June 14, 1922, shall be and the same is hereby modified and amended to read as follows, to-wit:

"FOUR. The time allowed for commencement, building and completion of said railroad is as follows: For the commencement of construction upon said railroad at Okeechobee, not later than March 29, 1923; for the building and completion of said railroad to a point at or near Canal Point, a distance of approximately thirty-three (33) miles, July 1, 1925; for the building and completion of said railroad from a point at or near Canal Point to a point at or near the intersection of the North New River Canal and Lake Okeechobee, a distance of approximately forty-six (46) miles, January 1, 1926; for the building and completion of said railroad to a southern terminus at or near Miami, or at or near Ft. Lauderdale, at the rate of twenty (20) miles per year, from January 1, 1926; if a greater number of miles is completed in any one year than stipulated herein, such excess mileage for any one year shall be credited on the stipulated mileage for the following and succeeding years. All railway mileage constructed by the Company during any particular period of time, or on or before any given date, shall be considered in determining whether the Company is in default respecting construction for such particular period of time, or on its total program, as outlined herein; and said Company shall not be considered in default provided it has constructed during any particular period of time, or on or before any given date, the total amount of railway mileage required hereunder to be constructed in said period of time, or on or before said date, irrespective of the point or points on said extension where said construction may have been performed."

(2)

The provisions of said original contract as to time lost or delay suffered in the construction of said railroad with-

out the fault of said Company and the provisions for said delays to be taken into consideration in computing the time allowed the Company for the construction of said railroad, shall continue in full force and effect and shall apply to the substituted dates named in and by this Second Supplemental Agreement as dates for the completion of portions of said line of railroad and for the completion of the entire line.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The parties hereto have caused these presents to be executed in duplicate; this 27th day of August, A. D. 1924.

CARY A. HARDEE,
Governor.
ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller.
J. C. LUNING,
State Treasurer.
RIVERS BUFORD,
Attorney General.
NATHAN MAYO,
Commissioner of Agriculture.
Of and composing Trustees of
the Internal Improvement
Fund of the State of Florida.

Signed, sealed and delivered

in the presence of

J. STUART LEWIS.

JENTY DEDGE,

As to parties of the first part.

FLORIDA EAST COAST
RAILWAY COMPANY.

By

WILLIAM R. KENAN, JR.,
President.

Attest:

C. D. BOICE, Secretary.

G. O. CLARKE,

W. E. SMITH,

As to party of the second part.

IN CONSIDERATION of the covenants and agreements made by the Florida East Coast Railway Company and Cary A. Hardee, Governor; Ernest Amos, Comptroller; J. C. Luning, State Treasurer; Rivers Buford, Attorney

General; and Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture, of and composing the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, as set forth in the foregoing Second Supplemental Agreement, the said Cary A. Hardee, Governor; Ernest Amos, Comptroller; J. C. Luning, State Treasurer; Rivers Buford, Attorney General; and Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture, as the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, for and on behalf of said Board, and for and on behalf of their successors in office, hereby agree to, concur in, affirm and approve the said Second Supplemental Agreement and all the covenants and agreements made therein on behalf of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and agree to be bound thereby so far as the rights, title and interest of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, and of said Everglades Drainage District, may be affected thereby.

EXECUTED in duplicate by said Board of Commissioners of said District, the date aforesaid.

CARY A. HARDEE,
Governor.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller.

J. C. LUNING,
State Treasurer.

RIVERS BUFORD,
Attorney General.

NATHAN MAYO,
Commissioner of Agriculture.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of:

J. STUART LEWIS,
JENTYE DEDGE,

As to the Board of Commissioners
of Everglades Drainage District.

STATE OF FLORIDA, {
COUNTY OF LEON. } ss.

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Florida at large, on this day personally appeared Cary A. Hardee, Governor; Ernest Amos, Comptroller; J. C. Luning, State Treasurer; Rivers Buford, Attorney General; and Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture, of

and composing the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, and also constituting the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, to me well known to be such officials, respectively, and to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing two instruments, one as the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, and the other as the Board of Drainage Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, and they severally acknowledged to and before me that they executed the same as such officials, respectively, for and on behalf of the State of Florida, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, and the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, for all the uses and purposes therein expressed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at Tallahassee, in said State and County, this 27th day of August, A. D. 1924.

(SEAL) J. F. McINTOSH,
Notary Public, State of Florida
at Large. My Commission
Expires Oct. 31st, 1925.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
COUNTY OF NEW YORK. } ss.

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said State and County, an officer authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared WILLIAM R. KENAN, JR., President, and C. D. BOICE, Secretary, respectively, of Florida East Coast Railway Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, to me well known to be the persons described in and who executed on behalf of said corporation, unto Cary A. Hardee, Governor; Ernest Amos, Comptroller; J. C. Luning, State Treasurer; Rivers Buford, Attorney General; and Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture, of and composing the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, the foregoing contract or agreement, and they severally acknowledged under oath to me the execution thereof to be their free and voluntary act and deed as such officials of said Florida East Coast Railway Company for the uses and purposes therein expressed, and that they affixed thereto the

official seal of said corporation, nad that said instrument is the free act and deed of said corporation, Florida East Coast Railway Company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, in the City of New York, County of New York, and State of New York, this 4th day of September, A. D. 1924.

(SEAL)

M. L. SEAMANS,
Notary Public in and for said
State and County. My Com-
mission expires March 30,
1925.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, September 3, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Commissioner of Agriculture submitted to the Trustees report of the sale of sovereignty land reclaimed, or in process of reclamation, sold under Chapter 7861, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1919, which report is as follows:

Lake bottom lands in and around Lake Okeechobee. Sold by Trustees Internal Improvement Fund. One-fourth of cash payment placed to credit of School Fund.

Total Purchase	Cash Paid on Prin & Int.	No. of Deed.		T.S. R.E.
\$17,714.75	\$ 3,542.95	17,016	J. J. & M. N. O'Brien and A. C. Clewis, Nov. 9, 1921. Near Sand Point....	43 34
833.00	208.25	17,077	J. J. O'Brien, June 13, 1922. Near Sand Point	43 34
7,356.00	6,302.89	17,078	Wise Perry, C. W. Bell and R. G. Johnson, June 29, 1922. Pelican Bay...	42 36
4,000.00	1,000.00	17,087	Wm. M. Hixon, Aug. 11, 1922. Adjoining Ob- servation Island in Lake Okee- chobee	42 34
13,131.00	13,131.00	17,104	E. E. Goodno, April 3, 1923. Lake Flirt....	42 29
<u>\$43,034.75</u>	<u>\$24,185.09</u>			

Upon motion it was ordered that all proceeds derived from the sale of all lands, less the 25% already paid into the State School Fund, be at once transferred and paid into the State School Fund.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED, That the proceeds from the sale of all such lands hereafter, and the proceeds uncollected from sales already made, upon receipt of same, be paid into the State School Fund.

The following Committee Report was received and approved:

"September 2, 1924.

Honorable Commissioners,
Everglades Drainage District,
THE CAPITOL.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee appointed to cancel Bond No. 2081 for \$100.00 dated May 1, 1916, of Everglades

Drainage District, begs to report that we have this day canceled said bond and filed the same in the office of the Comptroller as a voucher for the issuance of warrant to reimburse the State Treasurer to cover costs of redemption of same.

Respectfully submitted,
 ERNEST AMOS,
 Comptroller.
 RIVERS BUFORD,
 Attorney General.
 NATHAN MAYO,
 Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture, submitted a letter that he had received from Mr. Chas. R. Pierce under date of July 8th, 1924, which letter contained the following:

"I wish to ascertain if Mr. Sutton and I may represent a client who may oppose the Board's contention that certain land is sovereignty land.

I also wish to know if we may represent a client whose claim is adverse to the State School Land claim as asserted under scrip purchased from Mr. Hampton."

The said letter also recites from the Contract as follows:

"This agreement has no application to School lands, sovereignty lands——."

Upon consideration of this letter by the Trustees, Mr. Mayo was instructed to advise Messrs. Pierce and Sutton that the Trustees would not consent to their taking employment against the State's interest, whether such employment involved the question of any lands being sovereignty land or not, or whether any lands were subject to selection for State School lands or not, and to advise the said Pierce and Sutton that if they felt that they should accept the employment on these questions, that they surrender for cancellation their contract as State Agent for securing patents to swamp and over-flowed lands, granted by Act of Congress of 1850.

Financial Statement for the month of August, 1924, was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR AUGUST, 1924.

Balance on hand August 1, 1924..	\$251,047.93	
Sale of Tax Lands under Chapter 9131, Acts of 1923.....	1,132.69	
Refund by Tax Collector of Palm Beach County	33.37	
Sale of Tax Lands title to which had vested in Trustees of In- ternal Improvement Fund.....	385.02	
From Land Sales (\$6,651.08) less 25% to State School Fund (\$1,662.77)	4,988.31	
	<u>\$257,587.32</u>	
Less Disbursements	1,820.77	
Balance September 1, 1924.....		\$255,766.55

RECAPITULATION.

Cash and Cash Items.....	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance in Banks.....	<u>254,766.55</u>	
		\$255,766.55

BALANCE IN BANKS SEPTEMBER 1, 1924.

Atlantic National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla.	\$123,806.49	
Barnett National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla.	33,656.48	
Florida National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla.	28,424.35	
First National Bank, Miami, Fla..	1,555.78	
First-American Bank & Trust Co., West Palm Beach, Fla.....	1,943.10	
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	11,259.50	
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla..	5,500.86	
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	12,995.67	
Ft. Lauderdale Bank & Trust Co., Ft. Lauderdale, Special.....	35,624.32	
		\$254,766.55

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date	Check	In Favor of	Amount.
1924.	No.		
Aug.	1-5272	C. B. Gwynn....\$	250.00
Aug.	1-5273	J. Stuart Lewis..	66.66
Aug.	1-5274	J. B. Johnson...	216.71
Aug.	1-5275	A. R. Richardson	200.00
Aug.	1-5276	Jentye Dedge ...	41.66
Aug.	1-5277	R. W. Ervin....	166.66
Aug.	1-5278	Fenton Blitch...	90.00
Aug.	1-5279	Mrs. Carrie Er-	
		vin	90.00
Aug.	1-5280	Edwin Barnes...	21.00
Aug.	6-5281	A. R. Richardson	487.31
Aug.	6-5282	Western Union	
		Telegraph Co. ...	7.46
Aug. 15	5283	Palm Beach Post	12.00
Aug. 15	5284	Miami Herald ..	39.09
Aug. 15	5285	Okeechobee News	9.00
Aug. 15	5286	Fort Lauderdale	
		Sentinel	9.00
Aug. 15	5287	Fred E. Fenno..	.90
Aug. 15	5288	J. B. Johnson...	113.32
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			\$ 1,820.77

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, September 24, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met
on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

Minutes of July 10th, 11th, 12th, 16th, 22nd, 31st, August 1st, 5th, 11th, 12th, 14th, 18th, 19th, 27th and September 3rd, read and approved.

The Trustees having received application to sell certain submerged land in Section 22, Township 54 South, Range 41 East, the Secretary was ordered to insert the following advertisement in the Miami Herald, a newspaper published in the county in which the said lands lie:

NOTICE.

Tallahassee, Florida, September 24, 1924.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 11 o'clock A. M., Friday, October 24th, 1924, for the purpose of considering the sale of a tract of land being a portion of what is known as Dinner Key, together with the adjacent shallow flats, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pipe 66 feet South of the quarter section corner on the West boundary of Section 22, Township 54 South, Range 41 East, Tallahassee Meridian, thence North 63 degrees East, 1,373 feet to edge of sea wall on Biscayne Bay, thence along Biscayne Bay South 12 degrees, 30 minutes West 331 feet, thence South 18 degrees 50 minutes East 315 feet, thence South 10 degrees 30 minutes East 229.4 feet, thence South 45 degrees West 141.4 feet, thence North 73 degrees 18 minutes West 104.4 feet, thence North 48 degrees 2 minutes West 134.5 feet, thence North 75 degrees 58 minutes West 515.4 feet, thence West 100 feet, thence South 78 degrees 41 minutes West 102 feet, thence West 200 feet, thence North 75 degrees 58 minutes West 103.1 feet, thence North 75 feet to point of beginning.

Bids to be submitted on an acreage basis.

This notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida.

Open bids for above land will be received at Tallahassee, at 11 o'clock A. M., Friday, October 24th, 1924.

Certified check for 2 per cent of amount bid must be furnished by bidder at the time of award.

Any person or persons who may have objections to said sale will have an opportunity to present the same at time of sale.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

J. N. Brown, Clerk Circuit Court, Clearwater, Fla. To recording Mortgage, Archibald to Trustees	\$ 1.85
J. B. Johnson, Tallahassee, Fla. Counsel, expenses on trip to Moore Haven and West Palm Beach, Sept. 14-17, 1924.....	73.97
John W. Williams, Tallahassee, Fla. Expenses trip of inspection of lands in Washington County, Sept. 12-15, 1924.....	21.30
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To services during August, 1924.....	2.27
Miami Herald Pub. Co., Miami, Fla. Advertising land sale for Trustees.....	10.92
Albert Buford, Tallahassee, Fla. To payment of 1 Engineer's Transit with Tripod and case..	175.00
P. C. Eldred, Clerk Circuit Court, Ft. Pierce, Fla. To recording Mortgage No. 1397—Bingham et al.	1.60
Fred E. Fenno, Clerk Circuit Court, West Palm Beach, Fla. To recording Mortgages 17,151 and 17,154	\$ 3.70
To recording plat	3.50
	7.20
Florida East Coast Railway Co., St. Augustine, Fla. To payment of Trustees' proportion of constructing Florida East Coast Railway bridge across West Palm Beach Canal, at Canal Port, as per agreement of October 21, 1914	24,500.00
	<u>\$24,794.11</u>

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, September 30, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Chief Clerk Land Department during September, 1924	\$ 250.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Secretary during September, 1924.....	66.66
J. B. Johnson, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Counsel during September, 1924.....	125.00
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Field Agent during September, 1924..	\$200.00
Expense account	181.11
	<hr/> 381.11
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary during September, 1924.....	41.66
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Tax Clerk during September, 1924.....	166.66
Fenton Bitch, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as assistant to Tax Clerk during September, 1924..	90.00
Mrs. Carrie Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as assistant to Tax Clerk during September, 1924	90.00
The Miami Herald, Miami, Fla. To legal advertisement of submerged lands in Biscayne Bay, Aug. 30-Sept. 27.....	18.00

T. J. Appleyard, Tallahassee, Fla. To printing 1,000 Notes for Land Department.....	4.75
	<hr/> \$1,233.73

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 2, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met
on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees having on August 14, 1924, agreed to sell to Brown Company, of Portland, Maine, approximately ten acres of submerged lands in Biscayne Bay, situated in Section 9, Township 54 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, at \$500.00 per acre, provided no legal objections should be made to said sale, and in accordance therewith the said land was advertised for objections, to be heard on this date, in the Miami Herald, once a week for five consecutive weeks as required by Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida.

Judge W. H. Price, representing the Miami Realty Company, or the Rand interests, and Mr. C. W. Chase, Jr., representing the Peninsula Company, or the Fisher interests, appeared before the Trustees and stated that their companies were expending vast sums of money on improvements on adjoining lands purchased from the State, and the sale of said land to Brown Company, or any other parties, for the purpose of terminal facilities would damage their holdings thousands of dollars.

Judge Price, in behalf of the Miami Realty Company, presented a bid of \$7,000.00 for this land accompanied by \$1,000.00 New York Exchange. Bid was also made by Mr. Chase, in behalf of the Peninsula Company, of \$7,000.00 accompanied by New York Exchange in the sum of \$2,000.00. Messrs. Price and Chase stated that they would buy these lands at the price bid rather than have litigation or objectionable terminal buildings erected thereon, and further stated that should the Brown Company desire to purchase a tract in the Northwest part of said submerged land, owned by the Trustees, and the Trustees would sell said tract to Brown Company, their interests would raise no objections to said sale.

After discussion, and upon motion by Mr. Buford, duly seconded and adopted, it was decided to hold the bids made by Messrs. Price and Chase for further consideration, and that the Secretary advise Brown Company of the situation and ascertain if they would be willing to purchase ten acres, more or less, in the Northwest corner of the submerged tract; if so the Trustees would advertise same for objections as required by law, and that the Peninsula Terminal Company and the Miami Realty Company sign an agreement not to object to said sale, which was agreed to and the following agreements were executed by the representatives of said companies:

Tallahassee, Florida, October 2, 1924.

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund on August 27, 1924, advertised for objections to a sale of a certain piece and parcel of bay bottom land in Dade County, Florida, embracing approximately Twelve and Four-tenths ($12 \frac{4}{10}$) acres, the same being located in Section Nine (9), Township Fifty-four (54) South, Range Forty-two, and more particularly described in advertisement appearing in the Miami Herald of August 30, and of September 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1924; and

WHEREAS, Miami Realty Company, a corporation, has objected to said sale, and the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund having given serious consideration to such objection;

NOW, Miami Realty Company, a corporation, does by these presents agree that if the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund will withdraw the said particularly described lands from sale, and will offer to Brown Com-

pany, of Portland, Maine, that certain Twelve (12) acres of land lying in the same Section, Township and Range, and bounded on the West by the western boundary line of said Section, as shown upon the plat filed with the Trustees, and marked Exhibit "A," that Miami Realty Company will offer no protest or objection to such sale to the said Brown Company, and will offer no objection to the use of said lands by the said Brown Company for the purposes for which it is to be purchased.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, This agreement is executed on behalf of Miami Realty Company, by Will H. Price, Attorney.

MIAMI REALTY COMPANY.

By WILL H. PRICE, Attorney.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 2, 1924.

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund on August 27, 1924, advertised for objections to a sale of a certain piece and parcel of bay bottom land in Dade County, Florida, embracing approximately Twelve and Four-tenths (12 4/10) acres, the same being located in Section Nine (9), Township Fifty-four (54) South, Range Forty-two, and more particularly described in advertisement appearing in the Miami Herald of August 30, and of September 6, 13, 20 and 27; and

WHEREAS, Peninsula Terminal Company, a corporation, has objected to said sale, and the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund having given serious consideration to such objections;

NOW, Peninsula Terminal Company, a corporation, does by these presents agree that if the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund will withdraw the said particularly described lands from sale, and will offer to Brown Company, of Portland, Maine, that certain Twelve (12) acres of land lying in the same Section, Township and Range, and bounded on the West by the western boundary line of said Section, as shown upon the plat filed with the Trustees, and marked Exhibit "A," that Peninsula Terminal Company will offer no protest or objection to such sale to the said Brown Company, and will offer no objection to the use of said lands by the said Brown Company for the purposes for which it is to be purchased.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, This agreement is executed
on behalf of PENINSULA TERMINAL COMPANY, by
C. W. Chase, Jr., Assistant Manager of said Company.

PENINSULA TERMINAL COMPANY.

By C. W. CHASE, JR.,
Assistant Manager.

Financial Statement for September, 1924, read and
ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER, 1924.

Balance on hand Sept. 1, 1924.....	\$255,766.55	
From land sales (\$51,209.87) less		
25% to State School Fund		
(\$12,802.45)	38,407.42	
	\$294,173.97	
Less Disbursements	44,418.70	
Balance on hand Oct. 1st, 1924...		\$249,755.27

RECAPITULATION.

Cash and Cash Items.....	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance in Banks	248,755.27	
		\$249,755.27

BALANCE IN BANKS OCTOBER 1, 1924.

Atlantic National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla.	\$ 79,387.79
Barnett National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla.	72,063.90
Florida National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla.	28,424.35
First National Bank, Miami, Fla..	1,555.78
First-American Bank & Trust Co., West Palm Beach, Fla.....	1,943.10
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	11,259.50
Exchange Bank ,Tallahassee, Fla..	5,500.86

Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	12,995.67
Ft. Lauderdale Bank & Trust Co., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Special...	35,624.32

\$248,755.27

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date 1924	Check No.	In Favor of	Amount.
Sept. 1—	5289—	Nathan Mayo, Com. Agr.....\$	51.41
Sept. 1—	5290—	C. B. Gwynn....	250.00
Sept. 1—	5291—	J. Stuart Lewis.	66.66
Sept. 1—	5292—	J. B. Johnson...	125.00
Sept. 1—	5293—	A. R. Richardson	200.00
Sept. 1—	5295—	Jentyle Dedge..	41.66
Sept. 1—	5295—	R. W. Ervin....	166.67
Sept. 1—	5296—	Fenton Blitch...	90.00
Sept. 1—	5297—	Mrs. Carrie Er- vin	90.00
Sept. 1—	5298—	A. R. Richardson	202.22
Sept. 1—	5299—	J. C. Luning, Treasurer	61.75
Sept. 1—	5300—	Ernest A mos, Comptroller ...	58.66
Sept. 1—	5301—	D. A. Dixon Co..	8.00
Sept. 1—	5302—	W. H. May, P. M.	10.00
Sept. 1—	5303—	Rivers Buford, Attorney Gen...	63.71
Sept. 15—	5304—	Principal of State School Fund	18,138.85
Sept. 25—	5305—	J. N. Brown, Clk. Circuit Court...	1.85
Sept. 25—	5306—	J. B. Johnson...	73.97
Sept. 25—	5307—	J. W. Williams.	21.30
Sept. 25—	5308—	Western Union Telegraph Co...	2.27
Sept. 25—	5309—	Miami Herald Publishing Co...	10.92
Sept. 25—	5310—	Albert Buford..	175.00
Sept. 25—	5311—	P. C. Eldred....	1.60

Date	Check No.	In Favor of	Amount.
1924			
Sept. 25—	5312—	Fred E. Fenno, Clk. Ct. Ct.....	7.20
Sept. 25—	5313—	Florida East Coast Railway Co.	24,500.00
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			\$ 44,418.70

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 3, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Cromwell Gibbons, of Jacksonville, appeared before the Trustees in behalf of his client, Mr. Carmichael, and associates, who were anxious to purchase certain lands, title which had vested in the Trustees for non-payment of drainage taxes in Broward and Dade Counties, all now held by the Trustees in:

Township 49 South, Range 40 East.
Township 50 South, Range 40 East.
Township 50 South, Range 41 East.
Township 51 South, Range 41 East.
Township 52 South, Range 41 East.
Township 50 South, Range 42 East.

Upon vote duly carried it was ordered that said holdings in the aforesaid Townships and Ranges be advertised as required by Section 1175, Revised General Statutes of Florida, for sale on Saturday, November 8th, 1924, at 11

o'clock A. M.; said advertisement to be in the Ft. Lauderdale Herald and Miami Herald.

Mr. Phillips made application to purchase lands formerly owned by him, title which had vested in the Trustees, to-wit:

All of Section 31, Less West 100 acres in Township 42 South, Range 30 East, Glades County; containing 540 acres;

and the land was ordered advertised in the Moore Haven Times, a newspaper published in Glades County, as required by Section 1175, Revised General Statutes of Florida, for sale on Saturday, November 8th, 1924, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 20, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Charles R. Pierce, of Pierce & Sutton, appeared before the Trustees relative to their contract with the Trustees and stated that he was willing, as far as he was individually concerned, to cancel the contract now existing if the Trustees desired to sever such connections. Mr. Buford moved that the contract remain in force, which motion was duly seconded, and those voting yea were:

Messrs. Amos, Buford and Mayo; nay, Messrs. Hardee and Luning.

Mr. H. N. Schirp appeared before the Trustees and stated that he wished to purchase approximately 23 acres of submerged land, adjoining property of his) in Section 34, Township 30 South, Range 17 East, and would pay \$125.00 per acre for same. The Trustees agreed to accept said price after lands are advertised as required by law. Whereupon the Secretary was instructed to place the following advertisement in the St. Petersburg Independent, a newspaper published in the county in which said lands lie:

NOTICE.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 20, 1924.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 11 o'clock A. M., Saturday, November 29th, 1924, for the purpose of considering the sale of the following described land in Pinellas County, Florida:

Beginning at a point 660 feet South of the Quarter Section corner on the West boundary of Section 34, Township 30 South, Range 17 East, Tallahassee Meridian; thence South 58 degrees East 274.56 feet, thence North 63 degrees, 15 minutes East 132 feet, thence North 35 degrees 30 minutes East 132 feet, thence North 14 degrees East 330 feet, thence East 660 feet, thence South 85 degrees 45 minutes East 528 feet, thence South 12 degrees 15 minutes West 198 feet, thence South 78 degrees East 264 feet, thence North 61 degrees 45 minutes East 132 feet, thence North 49 degrees East 528 feet, thence North 18 degrees East 207.24 feet, thence East 151.1 feet, thence South 36 degrees 46½ minutes West 1185.4 feet, thence North 87 degrees 55 minutes West 1930 feet, thence North 220 feet to point of beginning, which when surveyed as described above will fall in Section 34, Township 30 South, Range 17 East, Tallahassee Meridian, containing 23.2 acres.

This notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may

have an opportunity to present the same as therein prescribed.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

The Special Counsel advised the Trustees that Messrs. Geer and Chillingsworth had offered to pay the taxes on lands which they exchanged for lands of the Trustees, (the taxes having been paid by the Trustees, amounting to \$1,422.10), paying at the rate of \$250.00 per month until paid. Mr. Luning stated that he was in receipt of check for first payment of \$250.00. The Trustees agreed to accept such payments in settlement of said taxes.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

J. B. Johnson, Counsel, Tallahassee, Fla. Expenses on trip to Miami to argue cases for Trustees	\$ 68.38
T. F. Smith, Frink, Fla. To locating lands for Trustees and securing witnesses and affidavits	58.50
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To services during September, 1924.....	4.09
D. A. Dixon, Tallahassee, Fla. To supplies for Secretary's office—Bill of October 6, 1924....	2.75
W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla. To stamps	10.00
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	\$ 143.72

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 24, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

The Trustees met, pursuant to minute of September 24, 1294, to consider the sale of a certain tract of land, being a portion of what is known as DINNER KEY in Section 22, Township 54 South, Range 41 East, Dade County, Florida. The land having been advertised in the Miami Herald, a newspaper published in the county in which the land lies, and affidavit of publication having been filed with the Trustees as required by law, the Trustees stated they were ready to hear protests.

Mr. F. B. Winthrop, representing Shutts & Bowen, of Miami, attorneys for Central Union Trust Company, of New York, which company claimed for their clients legal title to the land by deed of conveyance from the Trustees, November 6, 1893, filed protest.

Messrs. Martin & Hocker, of Ocala, attorneys for W. M. Wilson, who had made application to the United States for Patent, presented protest.

After discussion, and in view of the fact that Mr. Winthrop requested until November 15th, for his clients to produce evidence of ownership, motion was made by Mr. Buford to continue the matter and set Saturday, November 15th, 1924, at 11 o'clock A. M., as the date for further hearing and receiving of bids. Motion seconded by Mr. Luning and duly adopted.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 27, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

Mr. J. T. Bruce, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, appeared before the Trustees and made application to purchase the merchantable moss from the sovereignty lands of the State in Lake Santa Fe, lying in Alachua, Bradford, Clay and Putnam Counties, at \$5.00 per ton, for a term of ten years from February 1, 1925, with a guaranteed minimum of thirty tons each year. It was agreed to sell such moss at and upon said terms. Contract and bond of \$500.00 to be executed by February 1st, 1925. \$25.00 was deposited with the Secretary as good faith that the said J. T. Bruce would execute such agreement or contract.

The Everglades Sugar & Land Company and the Everglades Land Company applied for deeds to lands under Chapter 9131, Acts of 1923, as per Minutes of the Trustees dated May 20, 1924. Amount of said deeds to be deducted from the \$18,000.00 deposited with the Trustees, and the Secretary was instructed to issue said deeds upon lands as designated by said land companies.

The following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, Mr. William Carlton appeared before the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and made application to redeem from Everglades Drainage District taxes of 1921 the NW¼ of Section 19, Township 42 South, Range 33 East, as evidenced by Drainage Tax Certificate No. 199; and

WHEREAS, It appears to the Trustees, from the evidence submitted by the said Carlton, that the said Carlton made every effort to pay drainage taxes on said land and deposited with one R. O. Baker, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Glades County, Florida, a check for \$185.15 with which to redeem and take up said drainage tax certificate No. 199, said check having been deposited with the said R. O. Baker before title to said lands had ripened into the Trustees under evidence submitted; that the said William

Carlton is entitled to a cancellation of the said Drainage Tax Certificate ;therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That upon the payment by the said William Carlton of the amount of the said Drainage Tax Certificate, interest and cost, and the payment of all subsequent drainage taxes due on said lands, that the said drainage tax certificate No. 199 be cancelled of record.

Mr. J. B. Johnson, Special Counsel, was authorized by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to bid in the land in the foreclosure suit by the Trustees against Hector Harris heirs, et al., provided he deems it necessary to protect the interest of the Trustees, and is authorized to make draft on the Trustees for an amount sufficient to pay all necessary costs and expenses in the protection of said bid.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 31, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Land Clerk during October, 1924.....	\$ 250.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Secretary during October, 1924.....	66.66
J. B. Johnson, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Counsel during October, 1924.....	125.00

A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Field Agent during October, 1924.....	200.00
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary during October, 1924	41.66
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Tax Clerk during October, 1924.....	166.66
Fenton Blitch, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as assisting Tax Clerk during October, 1924.....	90.00
Mrs. Carrie Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary assisting Tax Clerk during October, 1924.....	90.00
The Miami Herald Publishing Co., Miami, Fla. To advertising Dinner Key lands—5 issues....	16.50
D. A. Dixon, Tallahassee, Fla. To repair of Ever-Ready Machine and Roll of Tape.....	3.50
Ft. Lauderdale Sentinel, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Advertising land for sale May 20, 1924—Broward County	\$12.00
Land sale May 31st, 1924—Broward County	55.50
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	67.50
Eagle Multigraphing Stamp & Steel Co., 405 Austell Bldg., Atlanta, Ga. To stamp for Commissioner of Agriculture	1.55
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	\$1,119.03

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 3, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

The Trustees met on this date and on account of conflicting engagements decided to change the date from November 15th to Tuesday, December 2nd, 1924, for further consideration of the sale of a certain submerged tract of land, advertised for sale on October 24, 1924, located in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, in Township 54 South, Range 41 East, containing 12.65 acres, and the Secretary was requested to advise interested parties of the change of date.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 8, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees met to consider the sale of certain lands in Broward, Dade and Glades Counties, title which had vested in said Trustees for non-payment of Everglades Drainage District taxes; the same having been advertised in the Miami Herald, a newspaper published in Dade County, the Ft. Lauderdale Herald, a newspaper published in Broward County, and the Glades County Democrat, a newspaper published in Glades County, as required by law, and affidavit of such publications having been filed with the Secretary of the Board, bids were opened.

Mr. Cromwell Gibbons bid \$7.00 per acre for the entire acreage in Broward and Dade Counties, which bid was rejected.

Mr. B. L. Laird, of Sebring, bid 50 cents per acre for the acreage in Broward County, which bid was rejected.

Mr. John Phillips, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, bid \$1,091.94 for the 540 acres in Glades County, which was accepted.

DuVal & Company, of Miami, (former owners) bid \$19.74 for Tract 128, Section 4, and Tract 9, Section 8, Township 52 South, Range 41 East, 10 acres in Dade County, which was accepted.

Mr. John Scott, of Miami, bid \$20.00 per acre for Tracts 5 and 7, Section 6, Township 52 South, Range 41 East, 20 acres in Dade County, which was accepted.

Mr. Julian M. Goodwin bid for Mr. W. H. Pierson \$35.00 per acre on the $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$, Section 24, Township 51 South, Range 41 East, 10 acres in Dade County, which was accepted.

Mr. Will J. Reed, of Ft. Lauderdale, bid \$26.00 per acre for the $W\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 13, Block 1, Reed Land Company's Sub-division of Section 28, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, containing 5 acres in Broward County, which bid was accepted.

Mr. Ralph A. Horton, of Ft. Lauderdale, made the following bid:

\$100.00 per acre for Lot 27, Section 28, Township 50 South, Range 4 East—14.50 acres;

\$62.80 per acre for Lots 11 and 12, Section 31, Township 50 South, Range 42 East—20 acres;

\$67.80 per acre for Lots 1 and 2, Section 32, Township 50 South, Range 42 East—20 acres.

All in Broward County.

One-fourth cash and the balance in one, two and three years with 8 per cent interest on deferred payments; which bid was accepted.

Mr. Chas. R. Coe, of Miami, bid \$60.00 per acre for the South 81 feet of North 647 feet of Lot 9, Block 2, Section 31, Township 50 South, Range 42 East—1 acre, which was accepted.

Mr. A. H. Barket, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, bid \$25.00 for Tract 43, Section 27, Township 50 South, Range 41 East—10 acres, which was rejected.

Mr. E. C. Makenson, of Ft. Lauderdale, bid \$16.00 per acre for Lot 11, Block 4, Section 31, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, which was rejected.

Deeds were ordered issued to the purchasers of land, and the Secretary was instructed to return checks to the unsuccessful bidders.

Mr. Gibbons submitted a supplemental bid on all lands in Broward County. After discussion the Trustees advised Mr. Gibbons that they would give further consideration to the sale of these lands and set November 18th as such date.

Financial Statement for the month of October was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR OCTOBER, 1924.

Balance on hand October 1, 1924..	\$249,755.27	
From land sales (\$22,429.92) less		
25% to State School Fund		
(\$5,607.47)	16,822.45	
Taxes from H. G. Geer & Co.....	250.00	
Interest on deposits for the quarter		
ending September 30, 1924.....	1,923.48	
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	\$268,751.20	
Less Disbursements	1,377.56	
Balance November 1, 1924.....		\$267,373.64

RECAPITULATION.

Cash and Cash Items.....	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance in Banks.....	266,373.64	
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		\$267,373.64

BALANCE IN BANKS NOVEMBER 1, 1924.

Atlantic National Bank, Jackson-		
ville, Fla.	\$ 78,945.90	
Barnett National Bank, Jackson-		
ville, Fla.	73,277.02	
Florida National Bank, Jackson-		
ville, Fla.	44,759.75	
First National Bank, Miami, Fla.	1,567.45	
First-American Bank & Trust Co.,		
West Palm Beach, Fla.....	1,957.65	

Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	11,343.72
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	5,536.71
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	13,093.94
Ft. Lauderdale Bank & Trust Co., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Special...	35,891.50
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	\$266,373.64

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date	Check No.	In Favor of	Amount.
1924.			
Oct.	1—5314—	C. B. Gwynn....\$	250.00
Oct.	1—5315—	J. Stuart Lewis;.	66.66
Oct.	1—5316—	J. B. Johnson....	125.00
Oct.	1—5317—	A. R. Richardson	381.11
Oct.	1—5318—	Jentye Dedge....	41.66
Oct.	1—5319—	R. W. Ervin.....	166.66
Oct.	1—5320—	Fenton Blitch ...	90.00
Oct.	1—5321—	Mrs. Carrie Ervin	90.00
Oct.	1—5322—	The Miami Herald	18.00
Oct.	1—5323—	T. J. Appleyard..	4.75
Oct.	22—5324—	J. B. Johnson....	68.38
Oct.	22—5325—	T. F. Smith.....	58.50
Oct.	22—5326—	Western Union Telegraph Co. ...	4.09
Oct.	22—5327—	D. A. Dixon	2.75
Oct.	22—5328—	W. H. May, Post- master	10.00
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			\$ 1,377.56

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 12, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. E. J. L'Engle, of Jacksonville, and Mr. Geo. F. Benschel, representing the Southern States Land & Timber Company, appeared before the Trustees and made application to purchase the strip of reclaimed land between their holdings and Lake Okeechobee at \$35.00 per acre.

After discussion Mr. Buford moved that said strip of land be sold to the Southern States Land & Timber Company at said price; seconded by Mr. Amos. Those voting in the affirmative were, Messrs. Amos, Mayo and Buford. Those voting in the negative were, Messrs. Hardee and Luning.

Mr. Luning introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, An item in the minutes of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund under date of August 19th reads as follows:

"Messrs. M. D. Carmichael and W. L. McGriff, representing W. J. Conners, proposed to buy the strip of land between Mr. Conners' holdings and the Lake. After discussion the Trustees decided to sell the strip of reclaimed lake bottom land lying between the upland owner's property line and the waters of Lake Okeechobee at a countour line to be established at the 17 ft. level, at \$35.00 per acre, such being considered a fair price;" and

WHEREAS, This language does not clearly express the true intent of the Trustees, and it being deemed necessary

to clearly define what was intended by the action of the Trustees at that time; now, therefore,

IT IS DECLARED to be the sense and intention of the Board of Trustees that the language contained in the minutes of the Board, as above set forth, only applies to those upland owners, to-wit: W. J. Conners and H. E. Hamrick, who at the time of the said action of the Board of Trustees were then making application to purchase the reclaimed lands referred to, which lands had been viewed by a majority of the Trustees for the purpose of fixing a price on same.

Upon vote the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 18, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

Mr. Luning presented a letter from the Florida Food & Products Company, requesting extension of time on payment due on land. It was decided to grant said company one year's extension of time on said payment.

Further consideration of bids on land offered for sale on November 8th, was taken up and the Supplemental bid of Mr. Cromwell Gibbons of \$10.00 per acre for lands in Township 50 South, Range 40 East, and Township 51 South, Range 41 East, and Township 49 South, Range 40 East; and \$15.00 per acre for lands in Township 50 South,

Range 41 East, and \$20.00 per acre for lands in Township 50 South, Range 42 East, were rejected.

Bid of Mr. John M. Scott of \$25.00 per acre for lands in Township 50 South, Range 42 East, was also rejected.

Mr. Evans, representing Everglades Sugar & Land Company, (former owners) bid \$15.00 per acre for Tracts 5 and 6 and E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Tract 32, Section 27, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Tract 48, Section 35, Township 50 South, Range 41 East—30 acres in Broward County.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Trustees:

WHEREAS, There are outstanding Drainage Tax Certificates of the Everglades Drainage District for tax sales prior to the year 1920 on lands of the Everglades Sugar and Land Company, Everglades Land Sales Company and Everglades Land Company; and

WHEREAS, Under Chapter 9131, Acts of 1923, the said companies have the right to redeem said lands from Everglades Drainage District Taxes by paying the amount of said certificates and all subsequent taxes with interest at the rate of six per centum per annum; and

WHEREAS, On May 20, 1924, the said companies did deposit with this Board the sum of \$18,000.00 and this Board did adopt on said day a Resolution providing that the said companies should have the right, for a period of six months from date, to make redemption of such lands as should be selected by them; such redemption to be paid for out of the said sum of \$18,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Prior to the expiration of said six months period the said companies did designate certain lands to be redeemed with the said sum of \$18,000.00 so that the said sum of \$18,000.00 has been applied to the redemption of the lands so designated by said companies; and

WHEREAS, Upon this day Mr. W. I. Evans, of Miami, representing the said companies, appeared before the Trustees in session and paid to the said Trustees the additional sum of \$20,000; now, therefore

IT IS AGREED by and between the Trustees and the said Land Companies, that the said Land Companies shall have the right at any time between this date and April 1, 1925, to make redemption of such lands as shall be selected by them, such redemptions to be paid for out of the said sum of \$20,000.00.

IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED, That if by the said 1st day of April, 1925, the said entire sum of \$20,000.00 has not been applied to redemption of lands as selected by the said companies, that the Trustees shall have the right to apply any balance of the said \$20,000.00 to the redemption of such lands as shall be designated by the Trustees.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, That none of the lands of the said three companies shall be advertised or offered for sale until after the 1st day of April, 1925. The said companies further agree that if prior to the said 1st day of April, 1925, they make sales of any of said lands, after taking care of cost of sales, commissions or taxes due on said lands, including State, County and Sub-drainage District taxes, and reserving a reasonable amount for the incidental expenses of said companies, they will pay the balance of the amount of such purchase price to the Trustees on tax redemptions.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, That between this date and the 1st day of April, 1925, the said companies agree to take up the balance of the outstanding taxes and tax certificates against such lands, or make arrangements satisfactory to the Trustees for carrying same.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 29, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Minutes of September 24th and 30th; October 2nd, 3rd, 20th, 24th, 27th and 31st, and November 3rd, 8th, 12th and 18th, read and approved.

Mr. H. N. Schirp having on October 20th, 1924, appeared before the Trustees and offered \$125.00 per acre for a certain submerged tract of land located in Section 34, Township 30 South, Range 17 East, being in Pinellas County and containing 23.2 acres, more or less, the Trustees considered the offer and agreed to sell Mr. Schirp said land on this date, provided no legal objections to said sale were presented. The land was advertised, as required by Section 1062, Revised General Statutes of Florida, in the St. Petersburg Independent, a newspaper published in the county in which said land lies, once a week for five consecutive weeks, and affidavit of publication has been filed with the Secretary of said Trustees.

Mr. Schirp being present presented check in payment of said land as agreed.

No objections were filed and no person or persons having made objections, Mr. Buford moved that sale be consummated and deed issued. Mr. Schirp requested that deed be made to Nathaniel W. Parker of Pinellas County, Florida, which was agreed to.

Mr. Schirp stated that there was no way of egress or ingress to the property purchased and requested the Trustees to grant a right-of-way through lands owned by said Trustees to the property, the said right-of-way to be used as a public thoroughfare, and if not so used to revert to said Trustees. It was unanimously agreed by those present to grant said right-of-way.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Land Clerk during November, 1924.....	\$ 250.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Secretary during November, 1924.....	66.66
J. B. Johnson, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Counsel during November, 1924.....	\$125.00
To expenses on trip to West Palm Beach	61.90
To expenses on trip to Washington in Lone Cabbage Island case.....	132.78
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A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Field Agent during November, 1924..	\$200.00
To expense account for October, 1924..	381.55
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Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary during November, 1924	41.66
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Tax Clerk during November, 1924.....	166.67
Fenton Blitch, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as assistant Tax Clerk during November, 1924....	90.00
Mrs. Carrie Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as assistant to Tax Clerk during November, 1924	90.00
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To service during October, 1924.....	3.64
The Miami Herald Pub. Co., Miami, Fla. To advertisement of land sale in Dade County.....	16.50
Post Publishing Co., West Palm Beach, Fla. To advertising land sale in Palm Beach County..	15.00
Glades Printing Company, Moore Haven, Fla. To advertising land sale in Glades County....	7.50
The Herald Company, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. To advertising land sale in Broward County,	69.00
Ben Sheppard, Clerk Circuit Court, Miami, Fla. To recording Mortgage No. 100785.....	1.65
D. A. Dixon Company, Tallahassee, Fla. To Hotchkiss Staples for Tax Clerk.....	1.50
W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla. To stamps for Land Department.....	7.00
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. Expense account during November 1924—Field Agent..	225.30
	<hr/> \$1,953.31

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 2, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
 Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees further considered the sale of a certain tract of land in Section 22, Township 54 South, Range 41 East, Dade County, being a portion of what is known as DINNER KEY. The same having been advertised under order of the Trustees, September 24th, 1924, for sale October 24, 1924, protests were filed and said hearing recessed to November 15th. On November 3rd the Trustees changed the date of hearing to December 2, 1924, and on this date Shutts & Bowen appeared and bids were called for, but no bids were offered.

Shutts & Bowen stated that they would in all probability enter suit to quiet title of their client and would advise the Counsel of the Trustees within thirty days as to such action.

Financial Statement for the month of November, 1924, was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR NOVEMBER, 1924.

Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1924....	\$267,373.64
From land sales (\$31,260.83) less	
25% to State School Fund	
(\$7,815.20)	23,445.63
Receipts under Chapter 9131, Acts	
of 1923	3,678.75
From sale of Minutes.....	1.50
From Southern States Land &	
Timber Co., Adjustment of	
Everglades Drainage taxes on	
lands exchanged	653.07
Receipts under Chapter 9131, Acts	
of 1923	1,972.27
From Everglades Sugar & Land	
Co., under Chapter 9131, Acts	
of 1923	20,000.00
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	\$317,124.86
Less Disbursements	218,654.50
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Balance December 1, 1924.....	\$ 98,470.36

RECAPITULATION.

Cash and Cash Items.....	\$ 1,000.00
Balance in Banks	97,470.36
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	\$ 98,470.36

BALANCE IN BANKS DECEMBER 1, 1924.

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$ 20,779.51
Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	6,965.70
Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	15,330.70
First National Bank, Miami, Fla.	1,567.45
First-American Bank & Trust Co., West Palm Beach, Fla.....	1,957.65
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	4,875.08
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	3,834.31
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	6,268.46
Ft. Lauderdale Bank & Trust Co., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Special..	35,891.50
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	\$ 97,470.36

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date, 1924.	Check No.	In Favor of	Amount.
Nov. 1—	5329—	C. B. Gwynn....	\$ 250.00
Nov. 1—	5330—	J. Stuart Lewis..	66.66
Nov. 1—	5331—	J. B. Johnson...	125.00
Nov. 1—	5332—	A. R. Richardson	200.00
Nov. 1—	5333—	Jentye Dedge ...	41.66
Nov. 1—	5334—	R. W. Ervin....	166.66
Nov. 1—	5335—	Fenton Blitch ..	90.00
Nov. 1—	5336—	Mrs. Carrie Ervin	90.00
Nov. 1—	5337—	Miami Herald Publishing Co. ..	16.50
Nov. 1—	5338—	D. A. Dixon	3.50

Date	Check	In Favor of	Amount.
1924.	No.		
Nov. 1	5339	Fort Lauderdale Sentinel	67.50
Nov. 1	5340	Eagle Multigraph- ing S. & S. Co...	1.55
Nov. 28	5341	W. O. Berryhill, T. C.	59,547.36
Nov. 28	5342	R. B. McLendon, T. C.	36,259.85
Nov. 28	5343	Paul Moore, T. C.	1,702.40
Nov. 28	5344	W. P. Andrews, T. C.	6,470.14
Nov. 28	5345	W. P. Andrews, T. C.	4,000.00
Nov. 28	5346	R. H. Alderman, T. C.	2,825.48
Nov. 28	5347	A. B. Crow, T. C.	66,678.77
Nov. 28	5348	A. B. Crow, T. C.	40,000.00
Nov. 29	5349	Paul Moore, T. C.	51.47
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			\$218,654.50

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 3, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met
on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Field Agent, submitted a report to the effect that he had made an examination of lands at the mouth of St. Johns River, applied for by John C. White, in which he stated that these lands are an accretion, being formerly the bed of the St. Johns River, extending from North boundary of Andrew Dewees Grant to the South jetties of the river, approximately 4,000 feet frontage on the Atlantic Ocean and 2,500 feet wide, containing an estimated acreage of 138 acres with the value of \$125,000.00. Upon considering the matter the Trustees ordered the same referred to Hon. J. B. Johnson, Counsel.

Upon further report of said field agent in regard to royalty to be granted the Atlantic Shell Company for shell from a shell bed of the St. Johns River in the vicinity of Mayport, the Trustees agreed to sell the same for 5 cents per cubic yard, and expense of survey and estimates, and requested that Mr. J. B. Johnson take this matter up with said company.

After reading the report of the Field Agent and the opinion of Hon. J. B. Johnson, Counsel, the Trustee agreed to sell the sand from the bottom of Lake Eustis, in Sections 2 and 3, Township 19 South, Range 26 East, to the Acme Sand Company at 7 cents per cubic yard, and ordered that Hon. J. B. Johnson, Counsel, take the matter up with said company for adjustment.

Upon request of Mr. F. G. McMullen, stating that the Fort Pierce Financing and Construction Company would pay \$75.00 for additional land in the river bottom in Sections 3 and 2, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, amounting to approximately 16 acres, in order to construct an inside channel and turning basin, it was ordered that said offer be accepted and this matter be referred to Hon. J. B. Johnson for additional deed to said company to cover lands desired. Said deed to expressly state that said lands are to be used for public purposes only.

On November 19, 1924, the Trustees advised Field Agent A. R. Richardson to investigate and report on certain submerged lands in Section 24, Township 31 South, Range 35 East. Mr. Richardson having reported that the acreage subject to sale by the Trustees approximated 21 acres and was valued at \$250.00 per acre, it was ordered

that advertisement be placed in the St. Petersburg Independent, a newspaper published in the county in which said lands lie, Messrs. Cook and Harrish having applied to purchase the land at \$250.00 per acre, which the Trustees agreed to accept, provided no legal objections were presented on or before date of sale.

The following advertisement was forwarded to the St. Petersburg Independent:

NOTICE.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 3, 1924.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida, will hold a meeting at 11 o'clock A. M., January 10, 1925, for the purpose of considering the sale of the following described land in Pinellas County, Florida:

From the Northeast corner of Section 24, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, run West 363 feet to the point of beginning,

Thence West 893.25 feet,

Thence South 420.83 feet,

Thence South 40 degrees East approximately 1135 feet;

Thence North 53 degrees East approximately 580 feet, to the meander line of Section 24, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, thence following the said meander line in a Northwesterly and Northerly direction to the point of beginning. Said tract lying in the Northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, and containing 21 acres, more or less.

This notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present the same as therein prescribed.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 9, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. John M. Murrell, of Miami, having appeared before the Trustees, made application to purchase certain submerged land in Dade County, making an offer of \$250.00 per acre for said land, and the same being satisfactory to the Trustees it was ordered that the land be advertised for thirty days in the Miami Herald, as required by Chapter 1062, Revised General Statutes of Florida; whereupon the following notice was ordered placed in the Miami Herald, a newspaper published in the county in which the lands lie:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, December 9, 1924.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 11 o'clock A. M., Wednesday, January 14, 1925, for the purpose of considering the sale of the following described submerged land in Dade County:

Beginning at the intersection of meander line in Section 5, of Township 55 South, Range 41 East, with the North boundary of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 5.

Thence East through said Section 5 to the NE. corner of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 5;

Thence South through said Section 5 to the Southeast corner of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 5;

Thence West on the South boundary of said Section 5 to the SE. corner of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 5;

Thence Southwesterly through Section 8 of the same Township and Range to the SE. corner of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 8;

Thence Southwesterly through Section 17 to the SW. corner of said Section 17 of said Township and Range;

Thence Southwesterly through Section 19 of said Township and Range to the SE. corner of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Thence Southwesterly through Section 30 of said Township and Range to the SE. corner of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 30;

Thence Westerly through said Section 30 to the West boundary of said Section 30;

Thence North along the West boundary of said Section 30 to the NW. corner of said Section 30.

Thence continuing North along the West boundary of Section 19 in same Township and Range to a point on said West boundary at its intersection with the meander line through said Section 19 in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section;

Thence following the meander line Northeasterly through Section 19, through Section 18, through Section 7, through Section 8, and through Section 5, to the intersection of said meander line with the North boundary of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 5, the same being the point of beginning first above mentioned, containing areas as follows:

Section 5—251.41 acres more or less.

Section 7— 13.49 acres more or less.

Section 8—270.48 acres more or less.

Section 17— 81.50 acres more or less.

Section 18—216.26 acres more or less.

Section 19—434.76 acres more or less.

Section 30— 50.00 acres more or less.

All being an aggregate of 1317.90 acres, more or less. Exact description to be furnished with deed.

This notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present the same as therein prescribed.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

R. C. Baker, Sheriff, West Palm Beach, Fla. To services in Geer & Chillingsworth suit.....	\$ 3.25
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. To telegrams to Bank of Okeechobee in Skipper Draft.....	1.19
C. E. Simmons, Clerk Circuit Court, Okeechobee, Fla. To recording two Mortgage Deeds.....	2.50
D. A. Dixon, Tallahassee, Fla. Blotters for Secretary50
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Services during November, 1924.....	10.51
St. Petersburg Independent, St. Petersburg, Fla. To advertising land sale in Pinellas County 5 issues	14.25
H. & W. B. Drew Company, Jacksonville, Fla. To Compass Maps, Protractor and Scale for Field Agent	13.40
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	\$ 45.60

Application having been made to purchase certain land in Broward County, the Trustees ordered the following advertisement placed in the Ft. Lauderdale Sentinel, a newspaper published in the county in which said lands lie

NOTICE.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 9, 1924.

NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of Section 1175, Revised General Statutes of Florida, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will offer for sale, at 11 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, January 20, 1925, the following described lands lying and being in Broward County, Florida:

Tracts 5, 18, 25, 26, 31, 32, 35 and 36, Section 3; Tr. 24, Section 4; Tr. 43 and $N\frac{1}{2}$ of 44, Section 5; Trs. 6, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 32 to 38 inclu., 53, 54, $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $E\frac{1}{2}$ of 59, Section 10; Trs. 1, 2, 3, 5, 15, 17, to 23 and 28 to 31, incl., Lots 3, 10 to 24, incl., Bendles Subdiv., Section 12; Lots 11 and 12, Hendrix Subdiv., Section 14; Tr. 19, Section 16; $W\frac{1}{2}$ Tr. 11, Section 18; $E\frac{1}{2}$ of $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27; $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$; $N\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$, beginning 909 ft. W. of SE. corner of $SE\frac{1}{4}$, run N. 1060 feet, W. 909 feet, S. 1060 feet, E. 909 feet, to point of beginning, Section 28. Units E. F. G, H, I, J, Tract 1; Units C, D, I, K, Tr. 2; Units A to K, Tr. 3; Units A, B, E to L, Tr. 4; Units A, B, C, E, F, K, L, Tr. 5; Units A, B, D, E, F, G, H, Tr. 6; Units A, B, C, D, G, H, Tr. 7; Units K and L, Tr. 8; $W\frac{1}{2}$ Tr. 25; Units A and B, Tr. 27; Units A and B, Tr. 28; Units A. B. Tr. 32; Units A. B, Tr. 33; Unit A, Tr. 26; Section 29, All in Township 51 South, Range 41 East, containing 628.76 acres.

Lot 3, Block 4, Section 29, Township 50 South, Range 42 East—20 acres. $E\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$, Section 2, Township 49 South, Range 42 East, 10 acres.

Bids will be received therefor at Tallahassee, Florida, until 11 o'clock A. M., on date of sale.

Certified check of amount bid must accompany all bids. Terms cash.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 12, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Messrs. Jones and Valz appeared before the Trustees relative to purchasing shell in the St. Johns River near Mayport, Duval County, for the Atlantic Shell Company. After discussion the Trustees agreed to make a contract for the removal of shell at 5 cents per ton of washed shell, the company to agree to remove a minimum of 500 tons per month. Payments to be made to the Trustees monthly in full and contract to exist for a term of four years. Bond in the sum of \$1,000 is to be furnished by the company to the Trustees and the Trustees are to give said company notice of any future proposals to sell shell in said locality before making said sale.

The above conditions were accepted by Jones & Valz and the Counsel of the Trustees was instructed to draw contract as soon as furnished with description and blueprint of locality where shell will be excavated.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 15, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. I. M. Hirshfield, of the Altha Products Company, appeared before the Trustees and made application for a permit to mine mineral bearing sand along the Atlantic Ocean Beach between Pablo and St. Augustine, and stated that they were ready to enter into such a contract and to make bond for the carrying out of same.

The Trustees requested the Field Agent to make investigation of the Beach between points named and Mr. Hirshfield was asked to make his application in writing and as soon as Field Agent made report, action would be taken by the Trustees.

Mr. John C. Sherman, of Brown Company, Portland, Maine, appeared before the Trustees and presented the following letter:

"Dec. 15, 1924.,

To The Honorable Internal
Improvement Board of the
State of Florida,
Tallahassee, Fla.

Gentlemen:

Recent rains having rendered large portions of Brown Company's plantation in the Everglades too wet for successful agriculture, Brown Company now requests the I. I. Board to authorize Brown Company to proceed to prepare and plant one thousand or more acres upon those sections of land in the Northwest quarter of its holdings which came to it from the Southern States Land and Timber Co., and to do so without injury to

the original contract of June 6, 1923, between itself and the I. I. Board.

Signed: BROWN COMPANY.
By JOHN C. SHERMAN."

After discussion all Trustees present agreed to grant the request of Brown Company.

Mr. Sherman stated that Brown Company was desirous of securing certain land on Inlet Island, and the following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Buford:

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, J. C. Sherman, representing the Brown Company, of Portland, Maine, is desirous of acquiring certain land on Inlet Island for said Brown Company, on which to establish docking facilities and other improvements; and

WHEREAS, The Inlet Board has heretofore agreed with said Brown Company to deed to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, certain lands on said Inlet Island, in order that said Trustees might deed the same land to said Brown Company; and

WHEREAS, For various reasons these conveyances have not been made; and

WHEREAS, The Brown Company is desirous of commencing work immediately to improve said land, in order to carry out its project and is desirous of securing land for that purpose, which will not be interfered with by the War Department.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Inlet District be, and it is hereby authorized to execute a deed to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, for the following described land on Inlet Island, in order that said Trustees may deed the same to said Brown Company, to-wit: The following described land situate, lying and being in Section thirty-four (34), in Township forty-two (42) South of Range forty-three (43) East, in the County of Palm Beach and State of Florida:

Beginning at an iron stake in the base line of the Lake Worth inlet channel, which is 2264.3 feet east of the centre line of a County Road, known as the "Dixie Highway." And 207 feet South of the North line of Government Lot No. 3 of Section 33, Township 42 South, Range 43 East, run

Thence South 20 degrees 09 minutes East 125 feet,

Thence North 69 degrees 51 minutes East 750 feet,

Thence North 20 degrees 09 minutes West 1625 feet,

Thence South 69 degrees 51 minutes West 250 feet,

Thence South 1 degree 43 minutes East 1581.4 feet to the point of beginning, containing 19.37 acres, more or less, and being a part of the same land conveyed by State Deed No. 17,102 given by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida, to the Lake Worth Inlet District, by deed dated March 30, A. D. 1923, recorded in Deed Book 182, page 159, in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Palm Beach County, Florida.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the attorney for the District be instructed to draw said deed and write a letter to the Trustees, requesting that the above conveyances be made, and explaining that in case the War Department grants the Brown Company and Inlet District permits for fills on said Inlet Island, in accordance with their present applications, and the Brown Company should desire more acreage on said Inlet Island than is included in the above description, that the Inlet District is willing to convey additional acreage to the Trustees to be conveyed by the Trustees to the Brown Company, to make a total of 21.50 acres as heretofore referred to in a certain contract between the Brown Company and the Lake Worth Inlet District. Provided, however, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund will convey to the Lake Worth Inlet District, sufficient land on the East of said Inlet Island to make up the additional acreage so conveyed to the Trustees for the Brown Company.

Upon vote the above Resolution was adopted.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 16, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

Rivers Buford, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. D. C. Harris, to whom the Trustees had sold the moss in the Dead Lakes of Calhoun County, Florida, under a contract in writing between the Trustees and the said D. C. Harris, said contract dated June 1, 1924, appeared before the Trustees and stated that the storm occurring in the early Fall of this year had destroyed and blown off large quantities of said moss and had made it impracticable for the said D. C. Harris to successfully operate under the terms of the said contract, and requested the Trustees to change and modify his contract as follows:

1st. To extend the time for the taking of said moss from said Dead Lakes for an additional two years, that is to say, for the period of 7 years from November 1, 1924; and

2nd. To modify said contract so that the minimum payment of \$300.00 per year should not begin until the 1st day of November, A. D. 1925.

The Trustees, upon motion, agreed to the changes and modification of said contract and agreed that Paragraph 5 of said contract shall be changed and modified to read as follows:

5th: The said D. C. Harris and assigns are hereby sold and granted the exclusive right to the moss in said Dead Lakes for the period of Seven (7) years from the 1st day of November, 1924, or until this contract be terminated under the terms hereof.

That Paragraph 3 of said contract be changed and modified to read as follows:

3rd: That the said D. C. Harris, or assigns shall pay to the said Trustees a minimum amount of \$300.00 per year during the life of this contract, regardless of whether that amount of moss

had been sold or shipped, provided that the time in which said minimum amount of \$300.00 per year shall be paid under this contract shall not begin to run until the 1st day of November, 1925.

Upon motion, it was ordered that the said D. C. Harris be furnished with a certified copy of this Minute and that he write his acceptance of this change and modification on said certified copy and return the same to the Secretary of this Board within Sixty (60) days from this date, otherwise the original contract under date of June 1, 1924, shall remain in full force and unchanged.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

J. C. LUNING, Treasurer,
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 30, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol:

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee Fla. To salary as Land Clerk during December, 1924.....	\$ 250.00
J. Stuart Lewis Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Secretary during December, 1924.....	66.66
J. B. Johnson, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Counsel during December, 1924.....	125.00
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Field Agent during December, 1924.....	200.00
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Stenographer during December, 1924.....	41.66

R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Clerk during December, 1924.....	166.66
Fenton Blitch, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Clerk during December, 1924.....	90.00
Mrs. Carrie Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Clerk during December, 1924.....	90.00
D. A. Dixon, Tallahassee, Fla. To supplies for Tax Clerk—Cushion Base Stamp—Dec. 6, 1924,	1.20
T. J. Appleyard, Tallahassee, Fla. To 500 deeds for Trustees	13.50
Fred E. Fenno, Clerk Circuit Court, West Palm Beach, Fla. To recording Deeds and Mortgages—Bill of Dec. 20, 1924.....	32.20
Ben Sheppard, Clerk Circuit Court, Miami, Fla. To recording Deed No. 1066.....	1.55
Frank A. Bryan, Clerk Circuit Court, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. To recording Instrument No. 22848, Sept. 25, 1923.....	1.45
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	\$1,079.88

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 31, 1924.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Cary A. Hardee, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Rivers Buford, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. J. W. Henderson appeared before the Trustees and stated that certain lands in Hillsboro County which had been set aside for his father, John A. Henderson, deceased,

as compensation for his services as Land Selecting Agent for the Trustees in Entry No. 13760, dated May 15, 1888, had never been deeded to said Henderson or his heirs, and requested that deed be issued for same to the heirs of John A. Henderson. A settlement having been effected by the Trustees and the heirs of said John A. Henderson since that date, the matter was referred to the Special Counsel for a report as to the legality of said claim.

The Trustees having agreed to sell certain submerged lands in Palm Beach County, it was ordered that the following advertisement be inserted in the Palm Beach Post a newspaper published in the county in which said lands lie, as required by law:

NOTICE.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 31, 1924.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 11 o'clock A. M., Thursday, February 5, 1925, for the purpose of considering the sale of the following described submerged land in Palm Beach County, Florida:

Beginning at an iron pin in the base line of the Lake Worth Inlet Channel, which is 2264.3 feet East of the centre line of a County Road, known as the "Dixie Highway," and 207 feet South of North line of Government Lot No. 3 of Section 33, Township 42 South, Range 43 East, run

Thence South 20 degrees 09 minutes East 125 feet,

Thence North 69 degrees 51 minutes East 750 feet,

Thence North 20 degrees 09 minutes West 1625 feet,

Thence South 69 degrees 51 minutes West 250 feet,

Thence South 1 degree 43 minutes East 1581.4 feet, to the point of beginning, containing 19.37 acres, more or less.

This notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may

have an opportunity to present the same as therein prescribed.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Financial Statement for the month of December, 1924, was read and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR DECEMBER, 1924.

Balance on hand Dec. 1, 1924....	\$ 98,470.36	
Taxes from H. G. Geer & Company	250.00	
Receipts under Chapter 6456, Acts of 1913	2,366.23	
Receipts under Chapter 6456, Acts of 1913	6,608.54	
Receipts under Chapter 6456, Acts of 1913	130.00	
Receipts under Chapter 9131, Acts of 1923	5,000.00	
Receipts under Chapter 9131, Acts of 1923	15,000.00	
Receipts under Chapter 9131, Acts of 1923	5,000.00	
Taxes from H. G. Geer & Company	250.00	
From land sales (\$107,777.26) less 25% to State School Fund (\$26,944.32)	80,832.94	
	<u>\$213,908.07</u>	
Less Disbursements (Itemized below)	1,998.91	
Balance January 1, 1925.....		\$211,909.16

RECAPITULATION.

Cash and Cash Items.....	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance in Banks.....	210,909.16	
	<u></u>	\$211,909.16

BALANCE IN BANKS JANUARY 1, 1925.

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$ 47,367.81
Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	53,440.47
Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	55,206.43
First National Bank, Miami, Fla.	1,567.45
First-American Bank & Trust Co., West Palm Beach, Fla.....	1,957.65
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	5,125.08
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	4,084.31
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	6,268.45
Ft. Lauderdale Bank & Trust Co., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Special...	35,891.50
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	\$210,909.16

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date	Check	In Favor of	Amount.
1924.	No.		
Dec.	1—5350—	C. B. Gwynn....	\$ 250.00
Dec.	1—5351—	J. Stuart Lewis..	66.66
Dec.	1—5352—	J. B. Johnson....	319.68
Dec.	1—5353—	A. R. Richardson.	581.55
Dec.	1—5354—	Jentye Dedge ...	41.66
Dec.	1—5355—	R. W. Ervin....	166.67
Dec.	1—5356—	Fenton Blitch ...	90.00
Dec.	1—5357—	Mrs. Carrie Ervin	90.00
Dec.	1—5358—	Western Union Telegraph Co. ...	3.64
Dec.	1—5359—	Miami Herald ...	16.50
Dec.	1—5360—	Post Publishing Company	15.00
Dec.	1—5361—	Glades Printing Company	7.50
Dec.,	1—5362—	Herald Co., Ft. Lauderdale	69.00

Date 1924.	Check No.	In Favor of	Amount.
Dec.	1—5363—	Ben Sheppard, Clerk Ct. Ct.....	1.65
Dec.	1—5364—	D. A. Dixon Co...	1.50
Dec.	1—5365—	W. H. May, Post- master	7.00
Dec.	1—5356—	A. R. Richardson.	225.30
Dec.	11—5367—	R. C. Baker, Sheriff	3.25
Dec.	11—5368—	Exchange Bank..	1.19
Dec.	11—5369—	C. E. Simmons, Clerk Ct. Ct.....	2.50
Dec.	11—5370—	D. A. Dixon.....	.50
Dec.	11—5371—	Western Union Telegraph Co. ..	10.51
Dec.	11—5372—	St. Petersburg In- dependent	14.25
Dec.	11—5373—	H. & W. B. Drew Co.	13.40
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			\$ 1,998.91

Minutes of November 29th, December 2nd, 3rd, 9th,
12th, 15th, 16th, 30th and 31st, 1924, read and approved.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

CARY A. HARDEE, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary.

I, J. Stuart Lewis, Secretary of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages contain true and correct copies of the original minutes of the proceedings of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, as appears of record in Volume 11, of the official minutes of the Trustees; containing the minutes of each meeting held, as recorded, beginning with the meeting held on Jan. 6, 1923, and ending with the meeting held on Dec. 31, 1924, which said Volume 11, is now in my official custody.



In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the Seal of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, this the thirty-first day of December, A. D. nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

J. STUART LEWIS,
Secretary of Trustees of
the Internal Improvement
Fund of the State of Florida.

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